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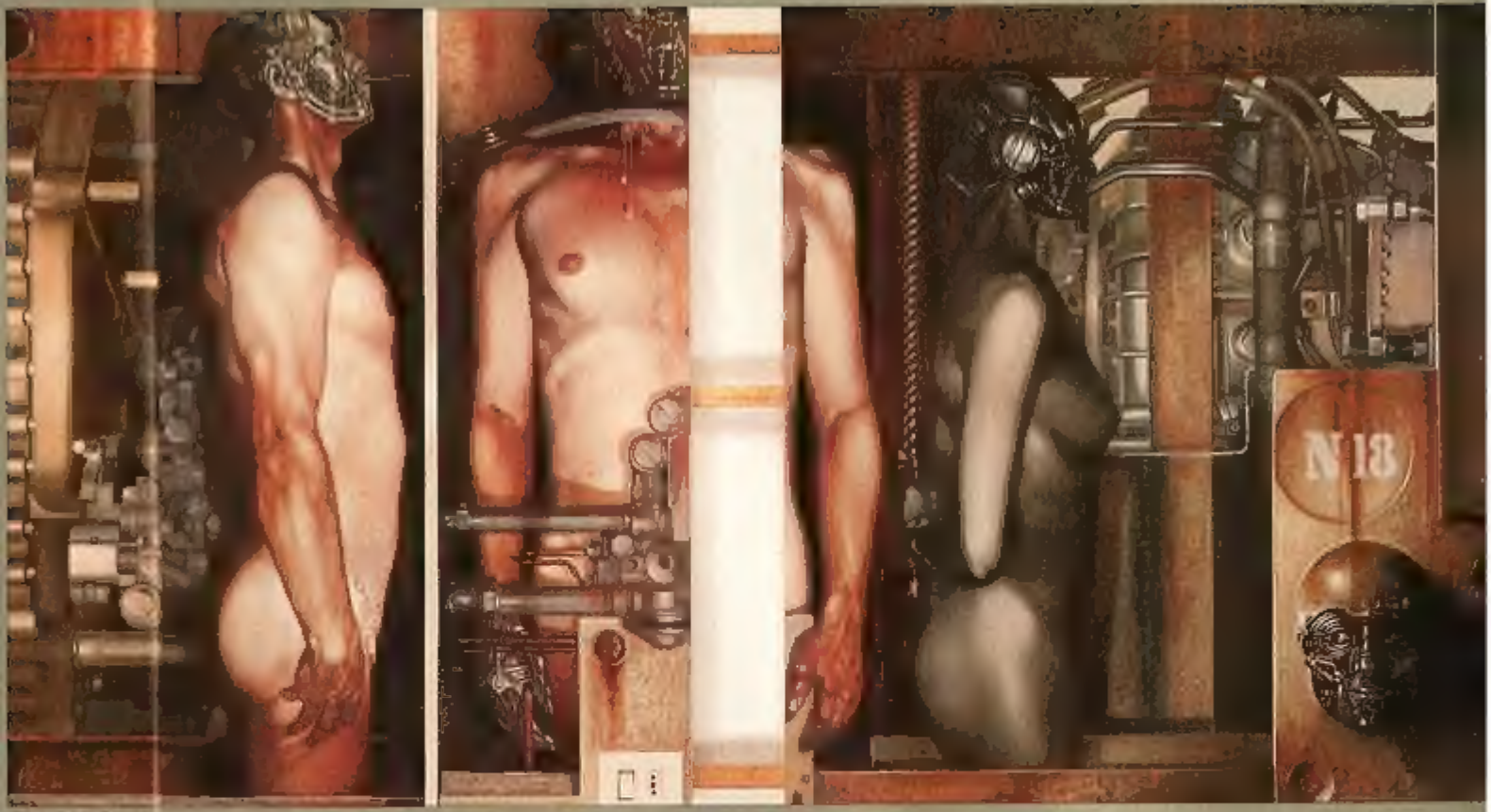

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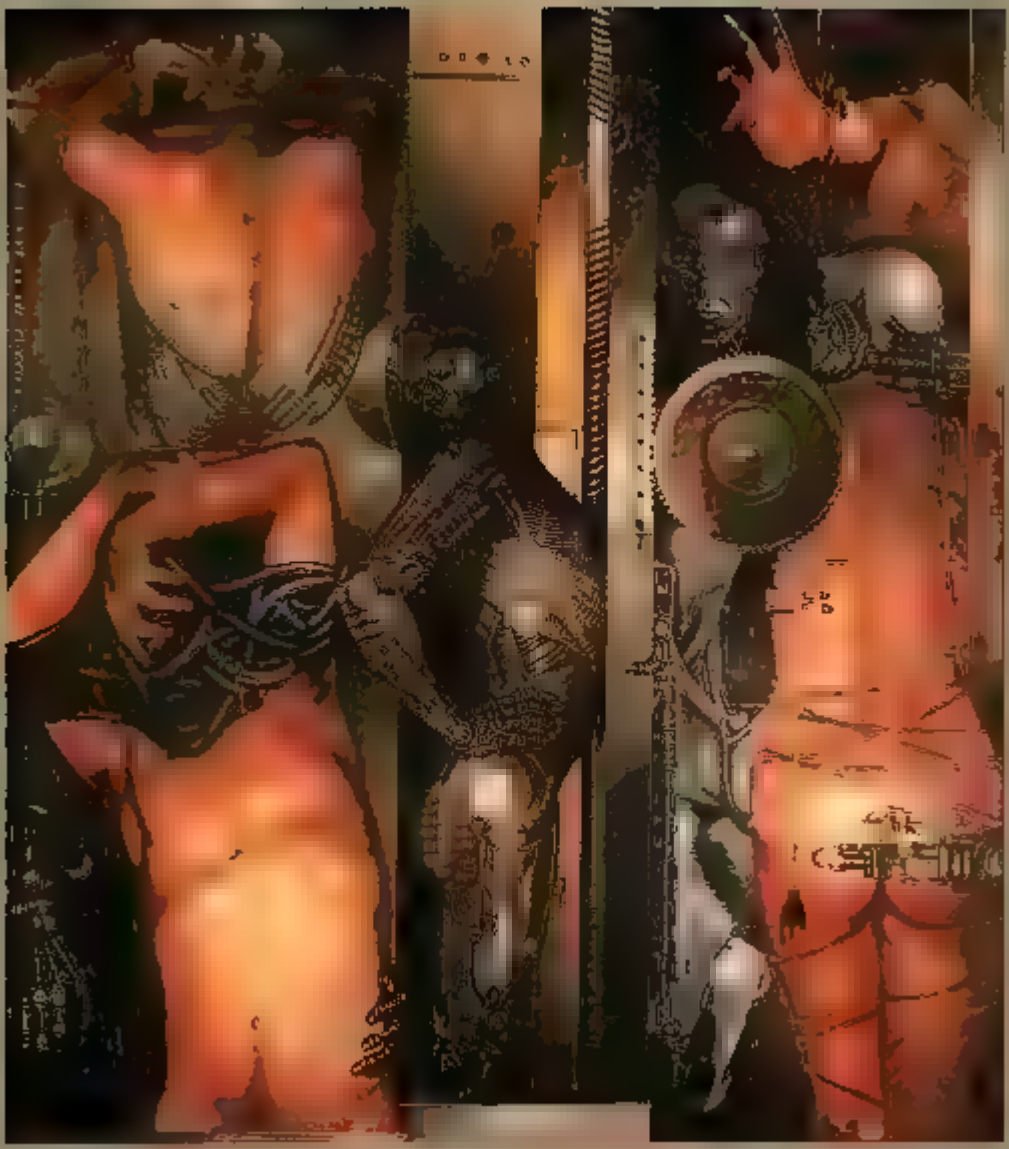

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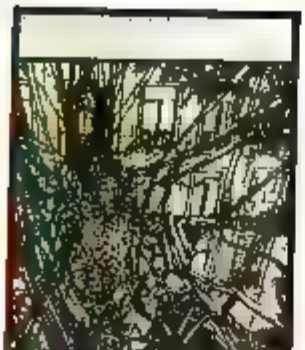

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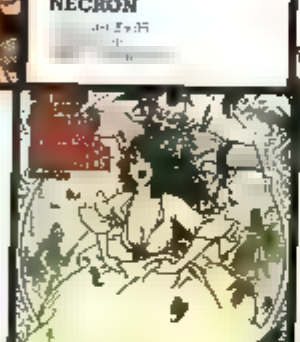

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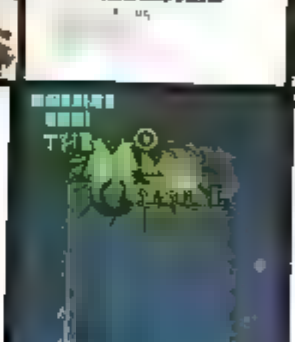

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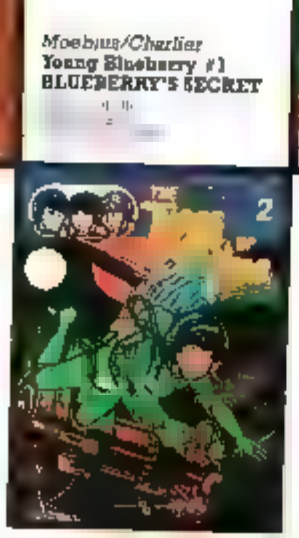

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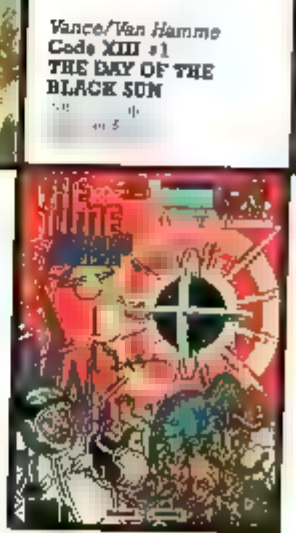

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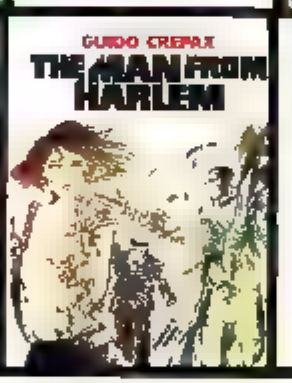

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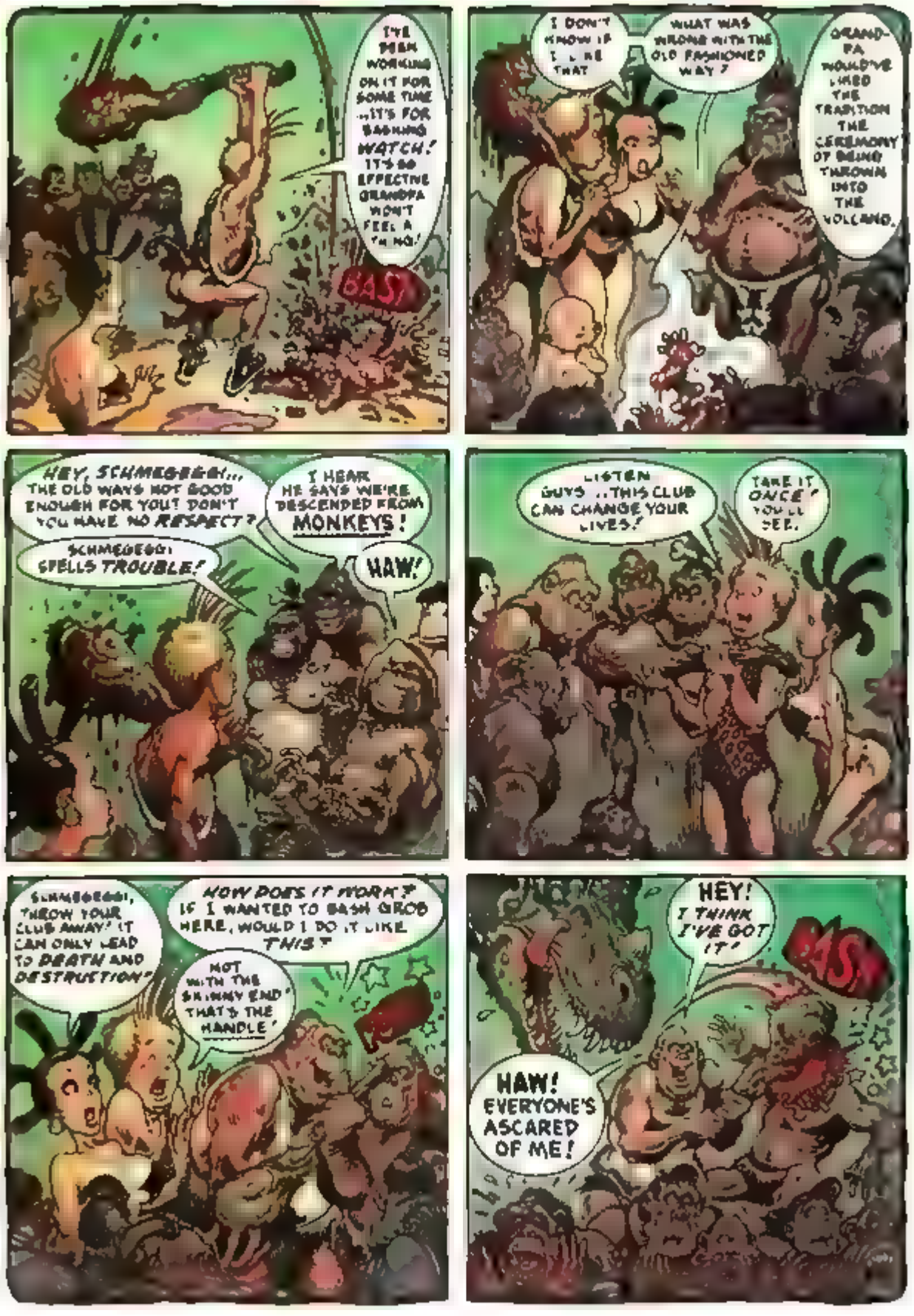
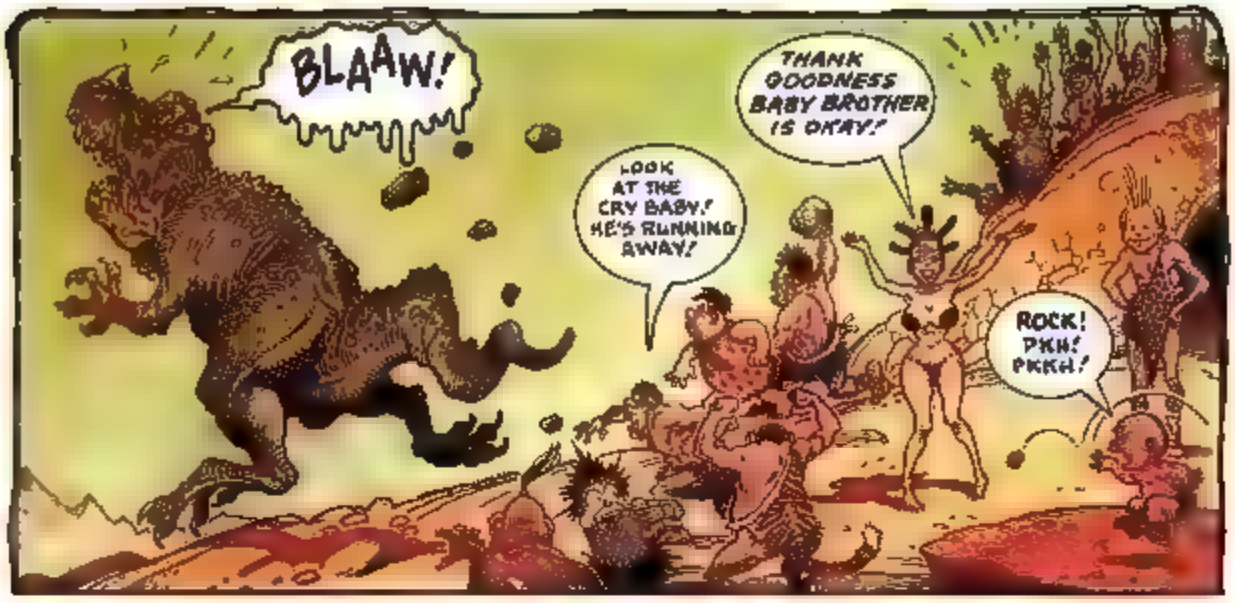
THIS IS A STORY THAT HAPPENED LONG AGO... BEFORE TALKING WAS INVENTED .. BEFORE RECORDED HISTORY .. INDEED, BEFORE *MEN* WERE INVENTED! WE HAVE, THEREFORE, BEEN FORCED TO TAKE ARTISTIC LICENSE AND WE'VE MADE EVERYTHING UP! WHAT IS ACTUALLY SPOKEN AS *"OOM-MUGGA-DING-WOG-OINK-SNORT-BELCH."* IS REDUCED TO *"ONCE UPON A TIME..."*! AND SO, OUR TALE BEGINS IN THE FERTILE VALLEY OF THE THREE TRIBES ~~~ THE *YARGH*, THE *MOGOMBOES*, AND THE *FLINTSTONES*. OUR HERO, *SHMEGEGGI THE SMART*, WITH THE BEAUTEOUS *BIMBELLA*, FLEES FROM THE SHARP FANGS OF THE FLESH-EATING ***TYRANNOSAURUS REX....***

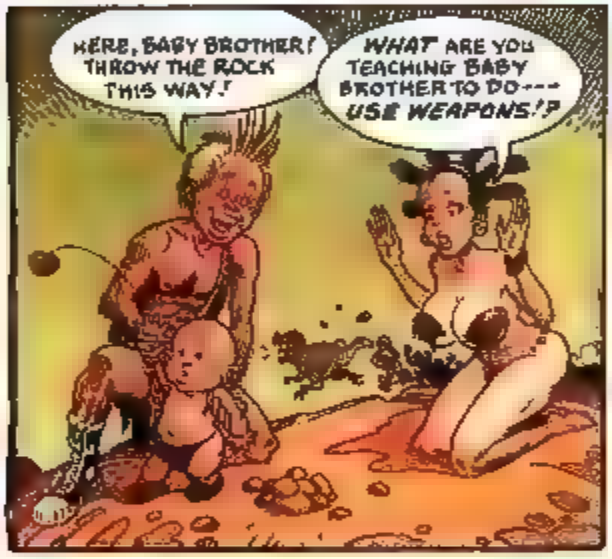
WE MUST STAND AND FIGHT, BIMBELLA!
LOOK! LOOK! THEY'RE EATING DROG AND MOORB!
DON'T MAKE TROUBLE, SCHMEGEGGI! THEY'LL EAT A FEW YARGHS — THEY'LL GET FULL AND THEN LOSE THEIR APPETITES AND THEY'LL LEAVE US ALONE!
WHY FIGHT? WHY INVITE TORTURE?

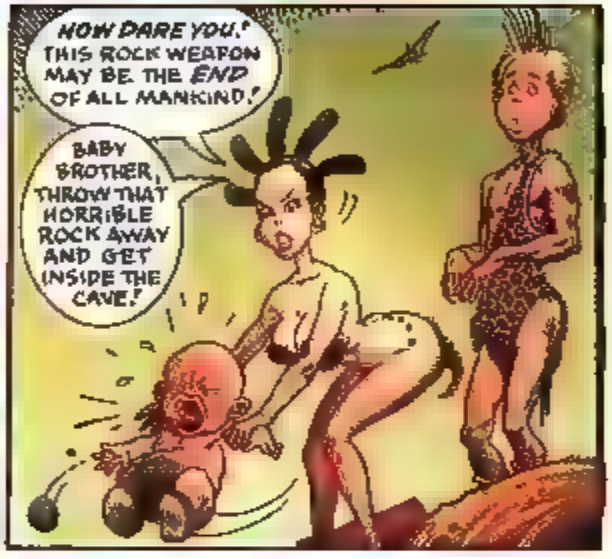
SCHMEEGGOO!, YOU'RE SO VIOLENT! YOU MUST LEARN TO TURN THE OTHER CHEEK! PASSIVE RESISTANCE IS WHERE IT'S AT
BIMBELLA ... IF ONLY YOU'D APPRECIATE ME LIKE I DO YOU! YOU'RE THE ONLY CAVE-WOMAN IN THE VALLEY WHO WEARS LIP GLOSS AND DOESN'T HAVE A BEARD
SCHMEEGGOO! — LET'S GET MARRIED!
... I'D MARRY YOU IN A MINUTE, BIMBELLA, IF I DIDN'T HAVE THE ITCH TO SEE WHAT LIES BEYOND THE HORIZON!
HI, KIDS!
HI, MOMMY, HI, DADDY — YUM! — ROOTS FOR DINNER!
SCHMEEGGOO! MY LAD, YOU'VE BEEN KEEPING COMPANY WITH OUR BIMBELLA FOR SOME TIME... WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO GET LOVEY DOVEY? A WOMAN CRAVES AFFECTION, SON. DRAG HER ABOUT NOW AND THEN — DON'T BE SHY...
WHAT'S WRONG? DO MY PARENTS DRIVE YOU CRAZY?
OH, IT'S NOT YOUR PARENTS! IT'S THE WHOLE TRIBE... SAME ROUTINE YEAR AFTER YEAR... SO TRADITIONAL! GATHER WOOD GET MARRIED, HAVE BABIES, RUN FROM THE DINOSAURS... AND ALL THE TIME SURROUNDED BY WALLS COVERED WITH GRAFFITI!
HEY, SCHMEEGOO! — GIVE ME A HAND!
IT'S TIME TO THROW GRANDPA INTO THE VOLCANO. GRANDPA IS TOO OLD TO LIVE WITH THE TRIBE ANYMORE.
MIH! IH! IH!...
FORGET ABOUT THE VOLCANO, UNCLE SCHMEEGOO! I'VE GOT JUST THE THING FOR GRANDPA!
I CALL IT A CLUB.
MIH! IH!
MIH! IH!...


I'VE BEEN WORKING ON IT FOR SOME TIME ..IT'S FOR BASHING WATCH! IT'S SO EFFECTIVE GRANDPA WON'T FEEL A THING!
BASH
I DON'T KNOW IF I LIKE THAT
WHAT WAS WRONG WITH THE OLD FASHIONED WAY?
GRANDPA WOULD'VE LIKED THE TRADITION THE CEREMONY OF BEING THROWN INTO THE VOLCANO.
HEY, SCHMEGEGGI... THE OLD WAYS NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR YOU! DON'T YOU HAVE NO RESPECT?
I HEAR HE SAYS WE'RE DESCENDED FROM MONKEYS!
SCHMEGEGGI SPELLS TROUBLE!
HAW!
LISTEN GUYS ..THIS CLUB CAN CHANGE YOUR LIVES!
TAKE IT ONCE! YOU'LL SEE.
SCHMEGEGGI, THROW YOUR CLUB AWAY! IT CAN ONLY LEAD TO DEATH AND DESTRUCTION"
HOW DOES IT WORK? IF I WANTED TO BASH GROD HERE, WOULD I DO IT LIKE THIS?
NOT WITH THE SKINNY END" THAT'S THE HANDLE"
HEY! I THINK I'VE GOT IT!
BASH
HAW! EVERYONE'S ASCARED OF ME!

EAT!
EAT!
THE DINOSAURS ARE COMING! THE DINOSAURS ARE COMING!
UGH! THEY'VE GOT GROB!
SCHMEGEGGE!! WHERE'S BABY BROTHER?
I'VE GOT HIM, WHERE'S MY CLUB?
THE DINOSAURS ATE IT!!
WALT!
EVERYONE STOP RUNNING!
NOW EVERY-BODY PICK UP ROCKS!
ROCKS? WHAT IS HE, CRAZY?
AT A TIME LIKE THIS, HE WANTS US TO PICK UP ROCKS?
HE'S GOT ROCKS... IN HIS HEAD!
NOW, WHEN I COUNT TO THREE, EVERYONE THROW HIS ROCK AT THE DINOSAUR!
I'M A CAVE MAN! I CAN ONLY COUNT TO ONE!
ONE! TWO! THREE!
THROW IT LIKE THIS?
LIKE THIS?
WHAT A GOOD IDEA!
IS THIS A GOOD ROCK?
UGH... MY ROCK'S TOO HEAVY!
WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF THIS?


BLAAW!
LOOK AT THE CRY BABY! HE'S RUNNING AWAY!
THANK GOODNESS BABY BROTHER IS OKAY!
ROCK! PKH! PKKH!


HERE, BABY BROTHER! THROW THE ROCK THIS WAY!
WHAT ARE YOU TEACHING BABY BROTHER TO DO--- USE WEAPONS!?


HOW DARE YOU! THIS ROCK WEAPON MAY BE THE END OF ALL MANKIND!
BABY BROTHER, THROW THAT HORRIBLE ROCK AWAY AND GET INSIDE THE CAVE!

SCHMEGEGGI! DO YOU REALIZE WHAT YOU'VE DONE? THIS WEAPON WILL REVO- LUTIONIZE WARFARE!
THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN TRYING TO TELL YOU ALL... LET ME SHOW YOU WHAT ELSE I'VE BEEN WORKING ON.

IT'S NOT FINISHED YET. I CALL IT A SPRINT MISSILE. I FIGURE IN ANOTHER YEAR---

SCHMEGEGG! --- SOMETIMES I THINK YOU'RE AN INCREDIBLE GENIUS!
ULP! MAYBE WE SHOULD GET MARRIED ---
THOSE LIPS ---
SMEERP!
UGH-PTOOIE! I SUPPOSE THAT'S ANOTHER INVENTION OF YOURS --- PUTTING MOUTHS TOGETHER! SCHMEGEGG! ---
... SOMETIMES I THINK YOU'RE JUST PLAIN KINKY!
PKH!
NOW ISN'T THIS BETTER THAN DOING THOSE KINKY THINGS? NOW, DRAG ME BACK TO THE CAVE. WE MUST GET READY FOR THE TRIP TO THE VOLCANO --- IT'S TIME TO PUT GRANDMA AWAY!
SIGH! I GUESS THERE'S NO USE IN TRYING TO CHANGE THE WORLD TOO QUICKLY! SOME DAY, SHE'LL APPRECIATE PUTTING MOUTHS TOGETHER! ... I THINK I'LL CALL IT "KISSING"!
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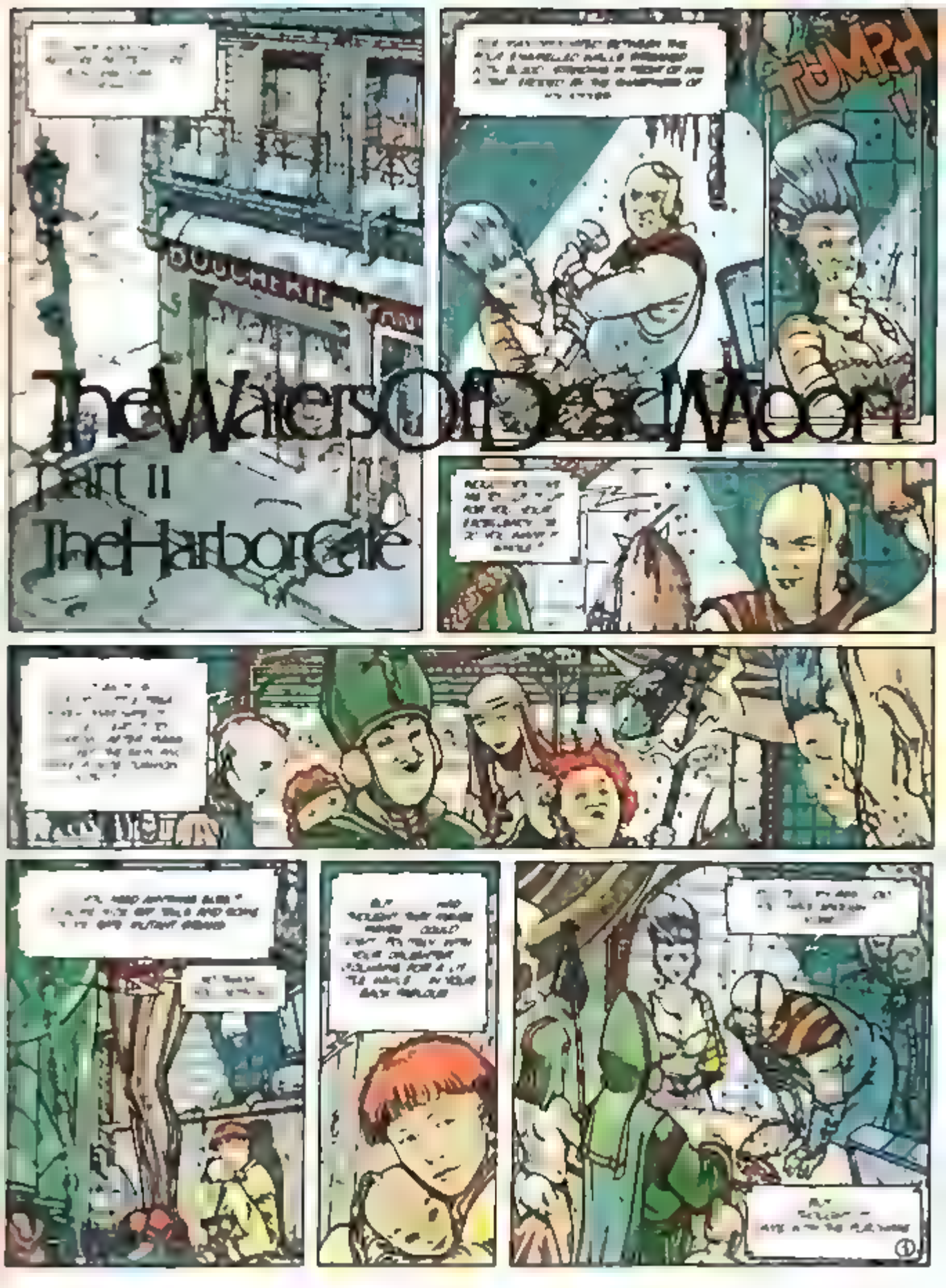
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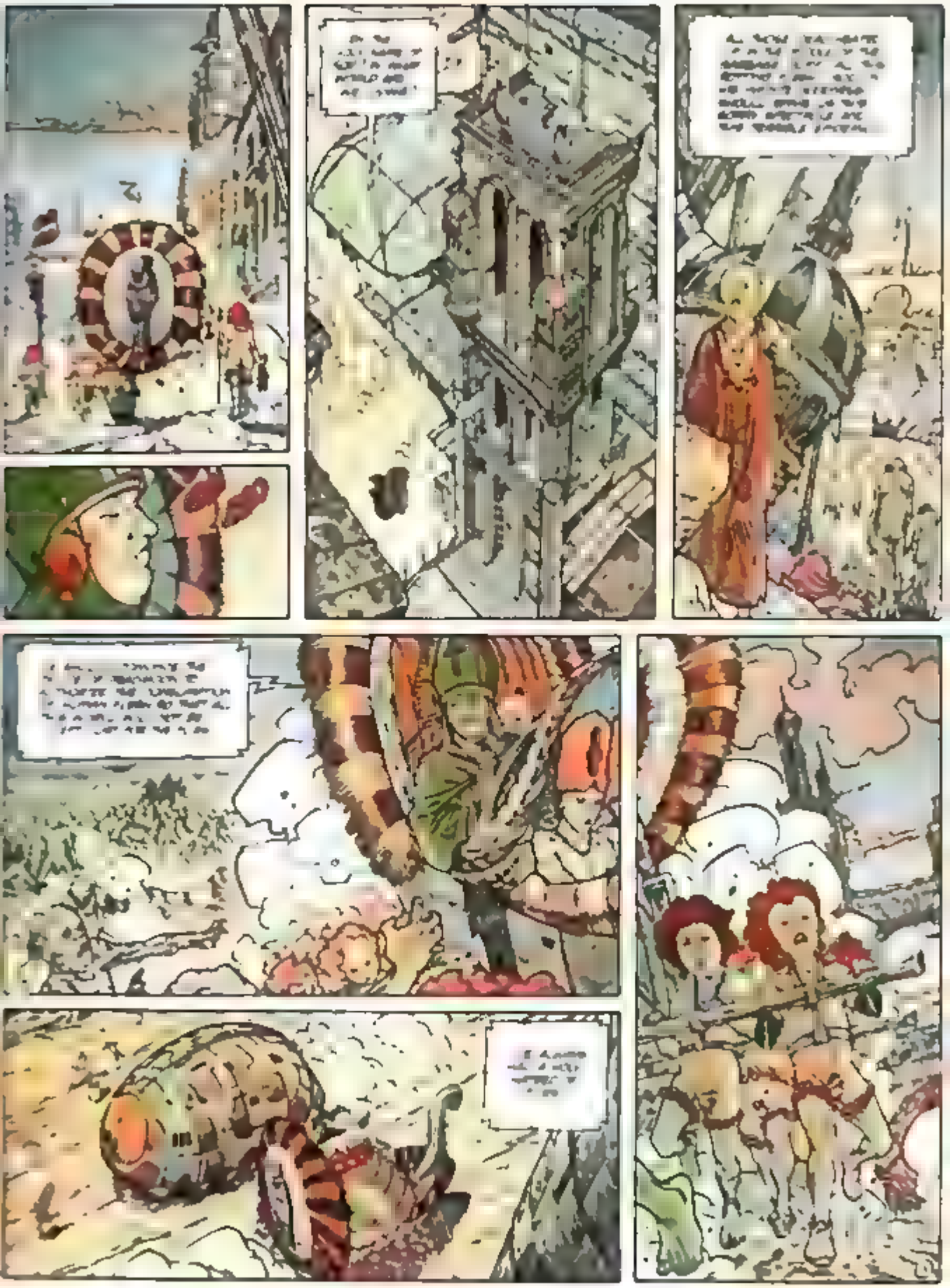
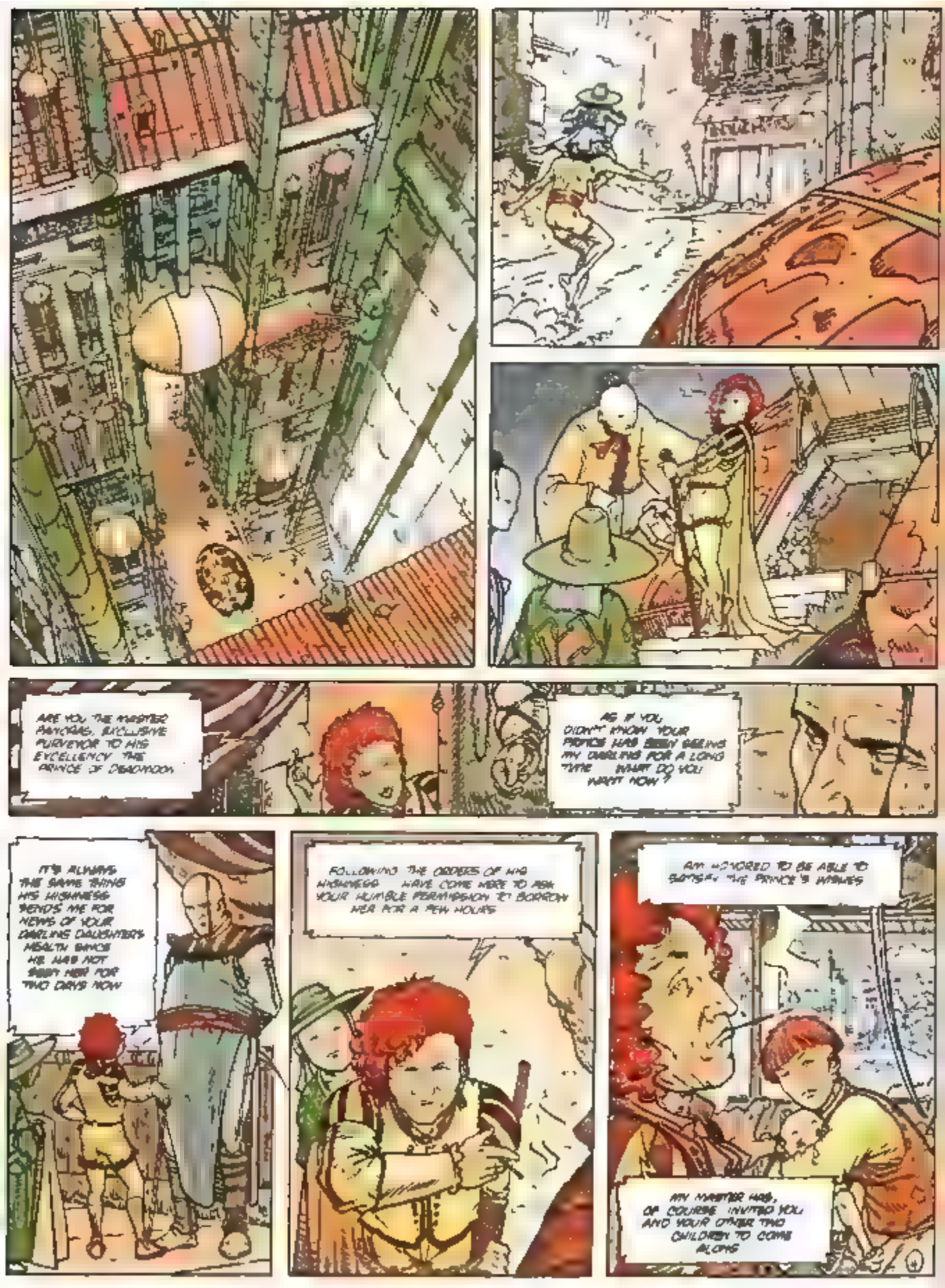
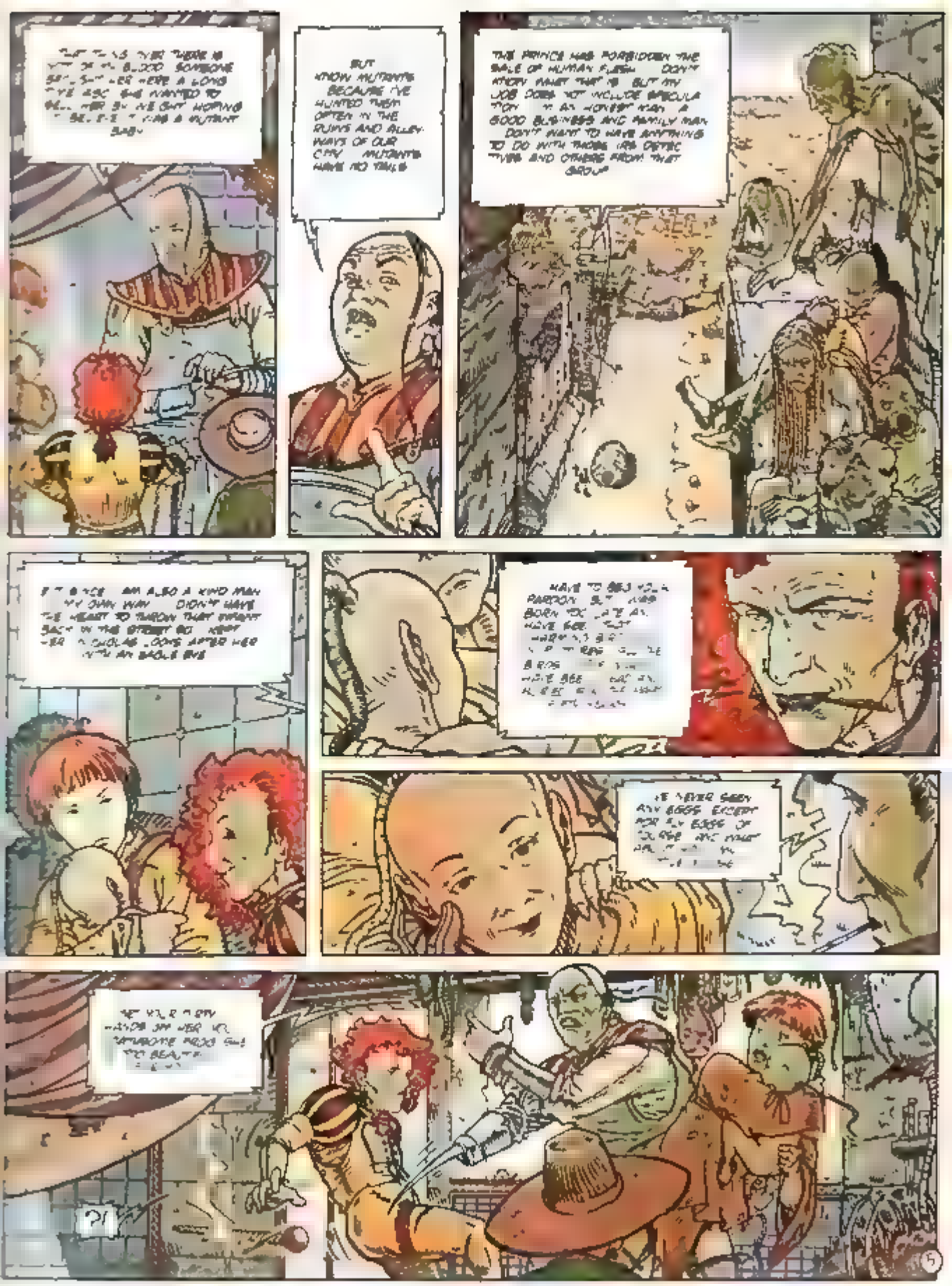
BOUCHERIE
THUMPH !

VIOLAINE HAS CHANGED A LOT EVER SINCE OUR PRINCE HAS DESIGNED TO TAKE NOTICE OF HER SHE WORKS FOR HERSELF NOW, AND AM FORCED TO TAKE A SMALL COMMISSION EVERY TIME
ALL RIGHT! NOW WHAT DO YOU WANT?
IT'LL BE A FULL LITER OF HOLY WATER FOR A LITTLE CUDDLING AND A HAND JOB. IF YOU WANT TO GET YOUR WEENIE WET THEN IT'LL BE A LOT MORE
LORD HAVE MERCY THIS IS PURE LARCENY
NO ONE FORCES YOU TO DO IT, FATHER
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THAT YOU'RE TALKING TO CARDINAL RAS-, OF SAINT IGNATIUS, KNIGHT OF THE RED CROSS AND SUPREME INQUISITOR ? IN THE HIGHEST AUTHORITY IN THE NATION IN MATTERS OF THE SPIRIT
I WILL NOT CHANGE MY OFFER EVEN IF YOU WERE GOD HIMSELF!
YOU CAN KEEP YOUR DAUGHTER, MASTER BUTCHER! I AM STARTING TO THINK THAT YOU CONSORT WITH THE DEVIL!
I HAVE NO QUARREL WITH THE DEVIL AS LONG AS HE PAYS CASH!
WHAT A VULGAR PERSON!
WILL COMPLAIN TO THE PRINCE
DON'T GIVE A SHIT




ARE YOU THE MASTER PANCRAS, EXCLUSIVE PURVEYOR TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRINCE OF DAGHOOR
AS IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW YOUR PRINCE HAS BEEN SELLING MY DARLING FOR A LONG TIME. WHAT DO YOU WANT NOW?
IT'S ALWAYS THE SAME THING HIS HIGHNESS SENDS ME FOR NEWS OF YOUR DARLING DAUGHTER'S HEALTH SINCE HE HAS NOT BEEN HER FOR TWO DAYS NOW
FOLLOWING THE ORDERS OF HIS HIGHNESS... HAVE COME HERE TO ASK YOUR HUMBLE PERMISSION TO BORROW HER FOR A FEW HOURS
AM HONORED TO BE ABLE TO SATISFY THE PRINCE'S WISHES
MY MASTER HAS, OF COURSE INVITED YOU AND YOUR OTHER TWO CHILDREN TO COME ALONG


BUT I KNOW MUTANTS BECAUSE I'VE HUNTED THEM OFTEN IN THE RUINS AND ALLEYWAYS OF OUR CITY. MUTANTS HAVE NO TRUE
THE PRINCE HAS FORBIDDEN THE SALE OF HUMAN FLESH. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT IS. BUT MY JOB DOES NOT INCLUDE DRACULA TYPES. I'M AN HONEST MAN. A GOOD BUSINESS AND FAMILY MAN. I DON'T WANT TO HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THOSE IMPETIC TYPES AND OTHERS FROM THAT GROUP.
I'VE NEVER SEEN ANY EGGS EXCEPT FOR MY EGGS OF COURSE AND WHAT
HE'S VERY GOOD WITH HER. SOMEDAY SHE'LL BE BEAUTIFUL.
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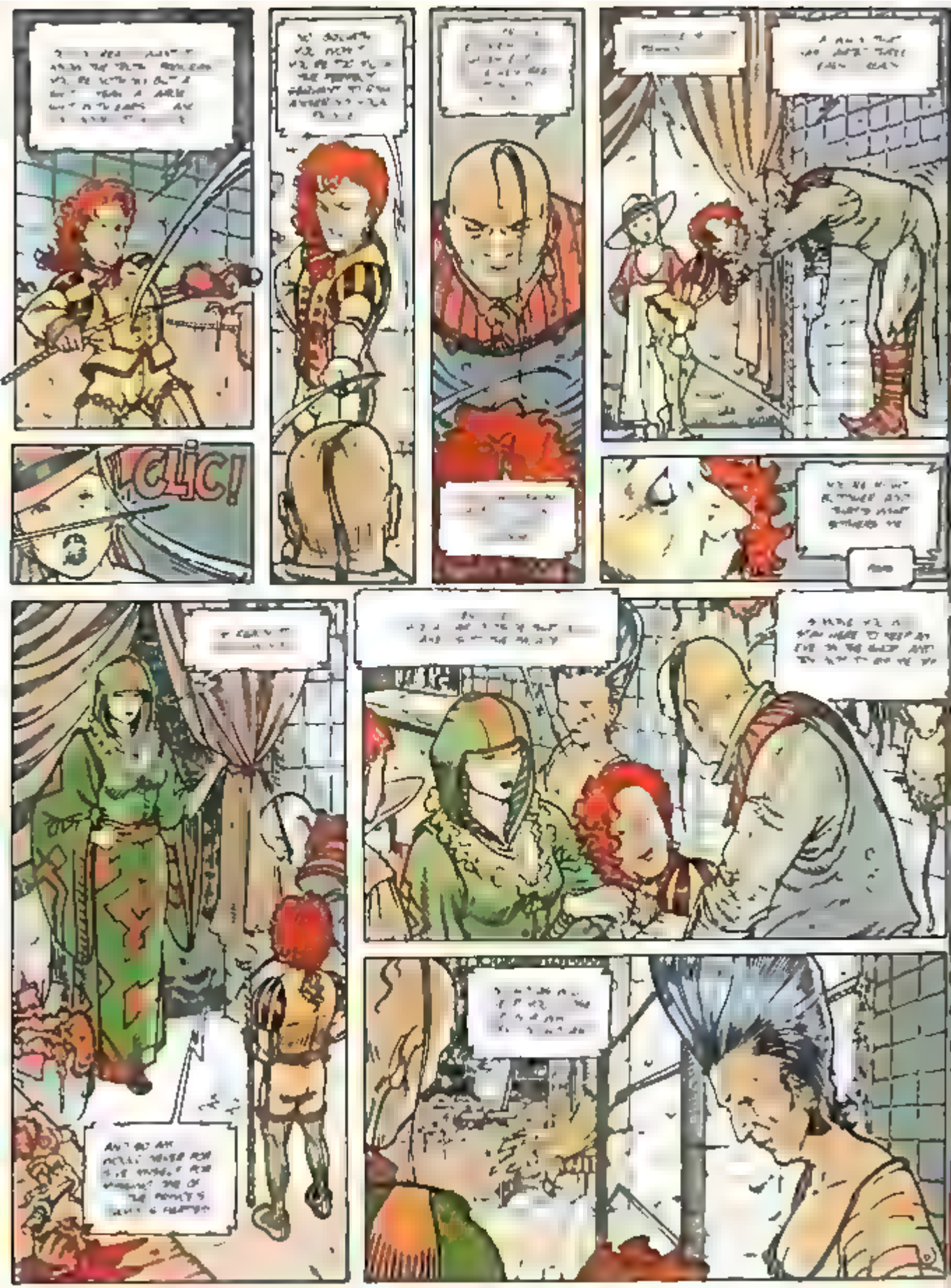
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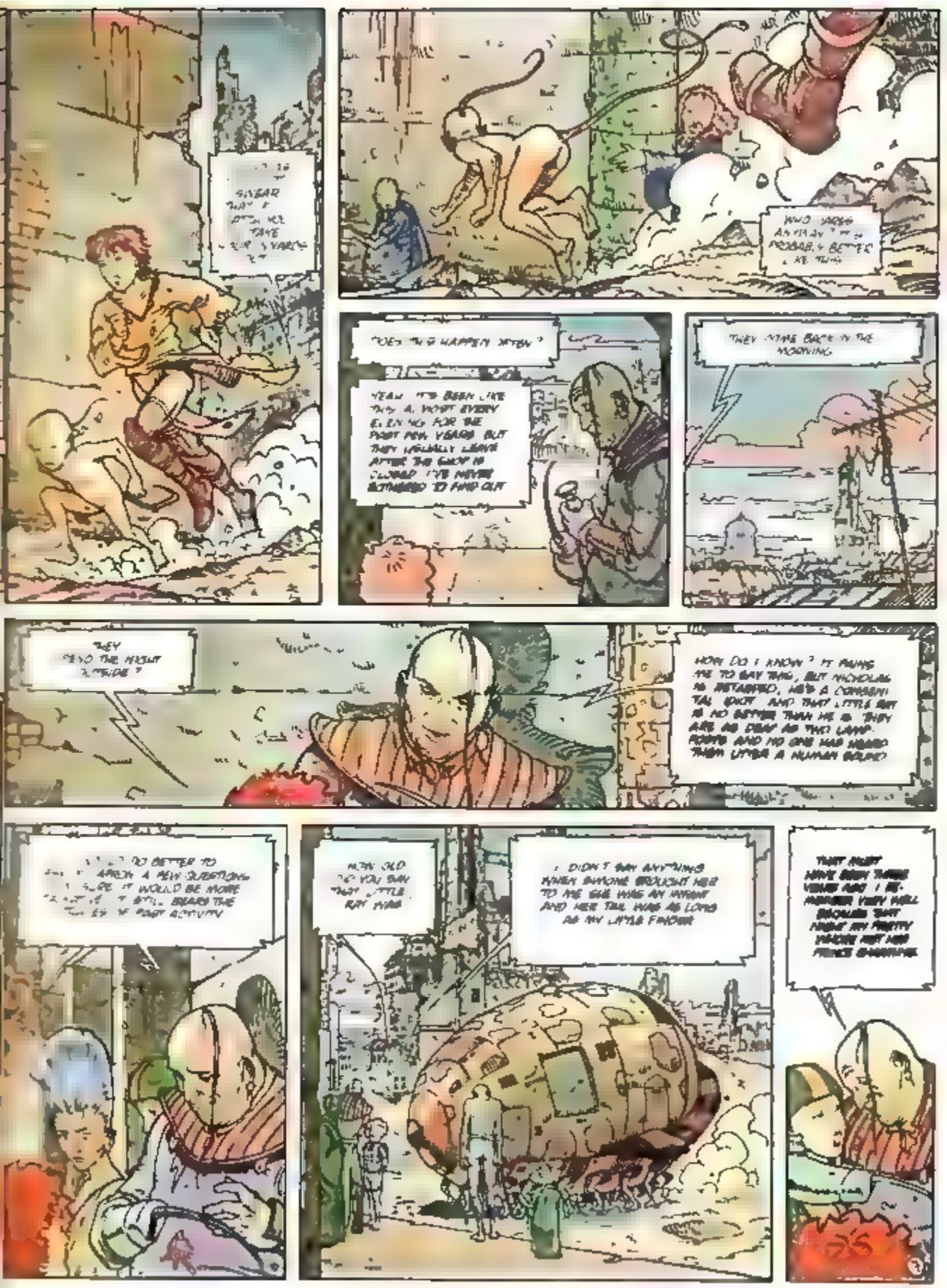
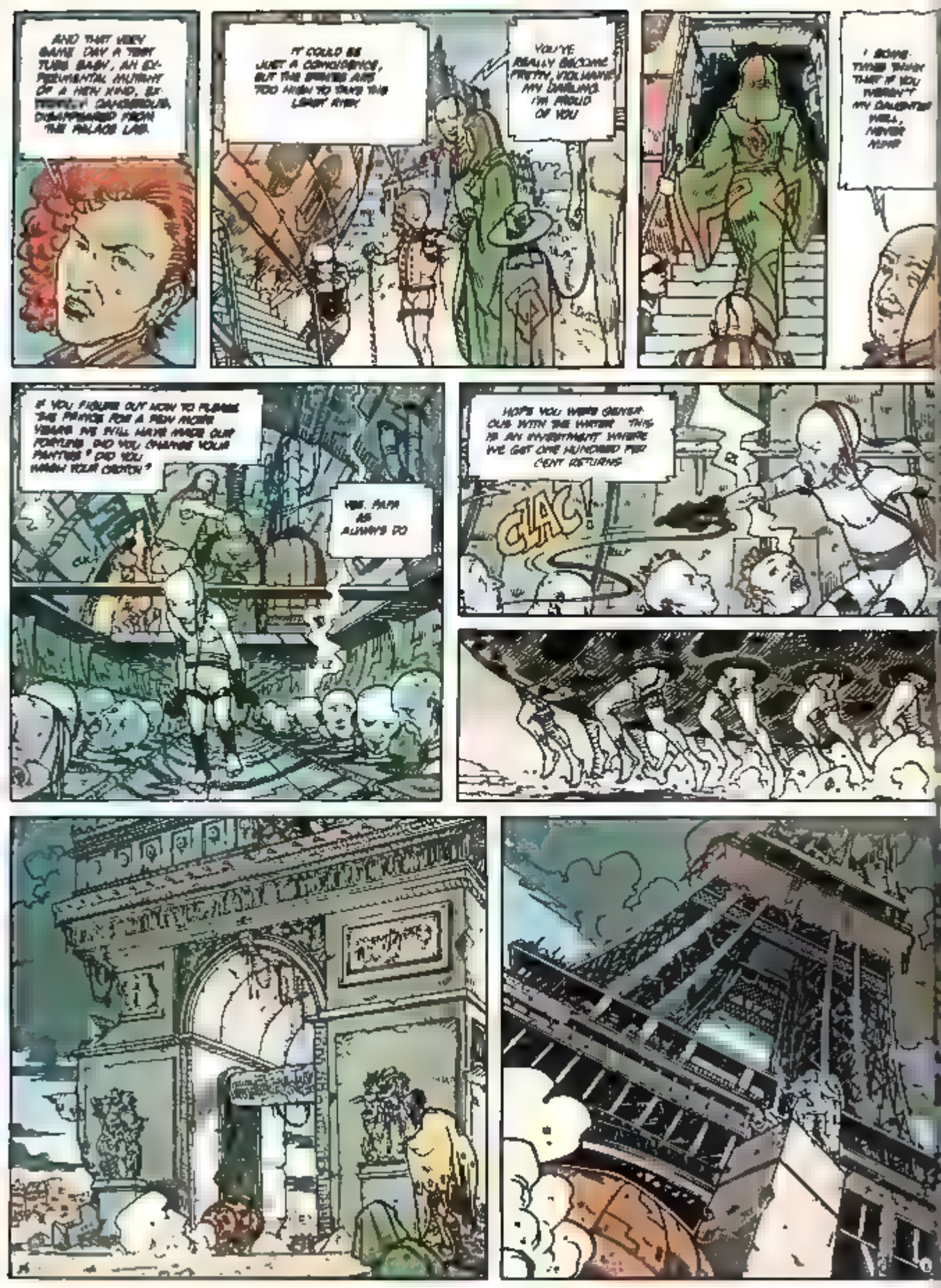
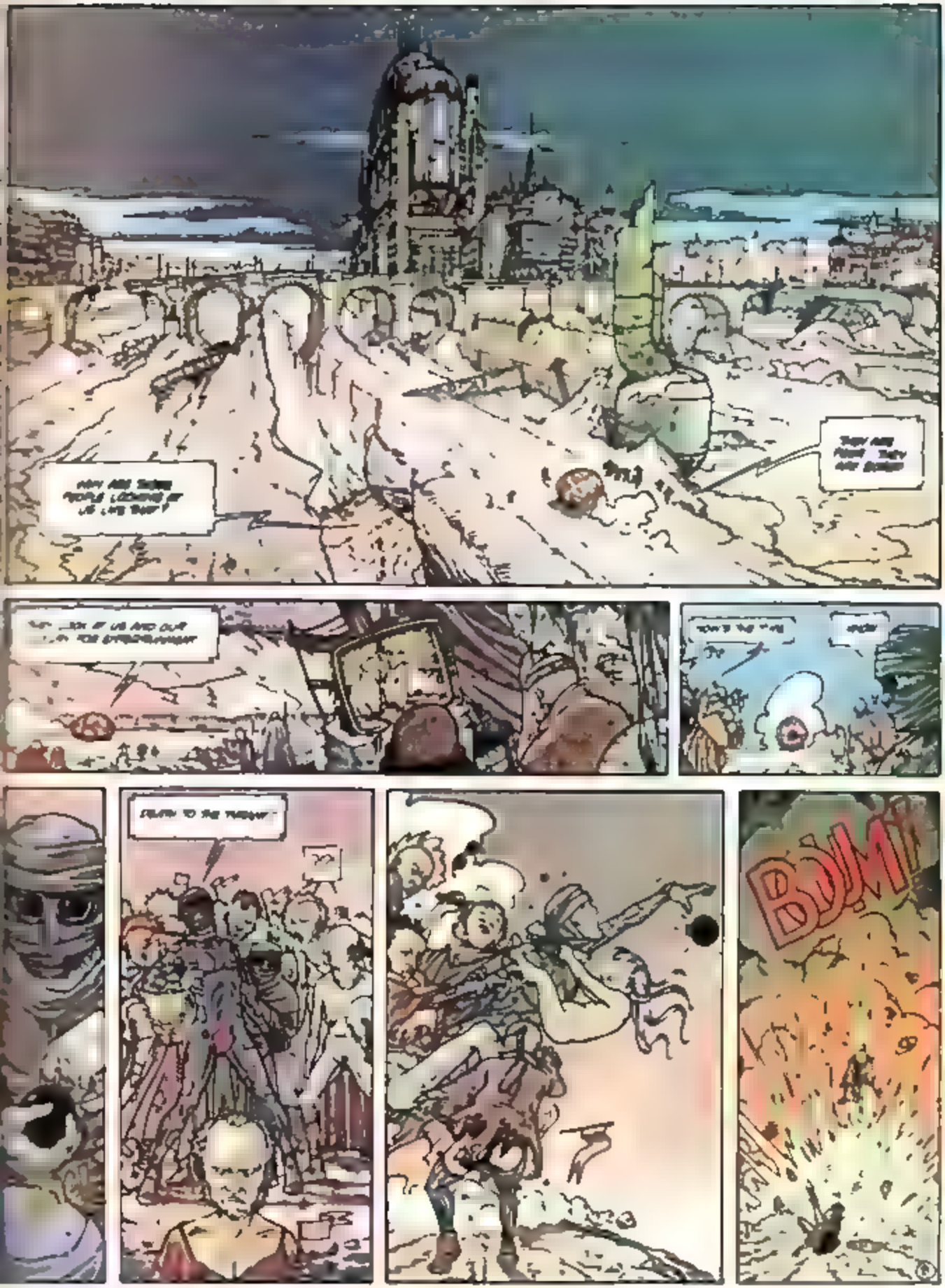

I SWEAR THAT I DON'T TAKE YOUR STUFF
WHO KNOWS ANYWAY ? IT PROBABLY BETTER IF HE TURNS
DOES THIS HAPPEN OFTEN ?
YEAH . IT'S BEEN LIKE THIS A WEEK EVEN NO FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS BUT THEY USUALLY LEAVE AFTER THE CHOP IS CLEARED . I'VE NEVER BOTHERED TO FIND OUT
THEY CAME BACK IN THE MORNING
THEY SEND THE MEAT INSIDE ?
HOW DO I KNOW ? IT PAINS ME TO SAY THIS , BUT MICHOUAN IS RETARDED , HE'S A CONGENITAL IDIOT AND THAT LITTLE RAT IS NO BETTER THAN HE IS . THEY ARE AS DEAF AS TWO LAMP POSTS AND NO ONE HAS HEARD THEM UTTER A HUMAN SOUND
I'D BETTER TO ASK A NEW QUESTION . OF COURSE IT WOULD BE MORE STUPID IF IT STILL BEARD THE TRACES OF PAST ACTIVITY
HOW OLD DO YOU SAY THAT LITTLE RAT WAS
I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING WHEN SOMEONE BROUGHT HER TO ME SHE WAS AN INFANT AND HER TAIL WAS AS LONG AS MY LITTLE FINGER
THAT MUST HAVE BEEN THREE YEARS AGO ! I REMEMBER VERY WELL BECAUSE THAT NIGHT MY PRETTY MACAW HIT HER FRENCH GOVERNESS


AND THAT VERY SAME DAY A TINY TUBE BABY, AN EXPERIMENTAL HUMAN OF A NEW KIND, ESCAPED DANGEROUS, DISAPPEARED FROM THE PALACE LAB.
IT COULD BE JUST A COINCIDENCE, BUT THE SPIRITS ARE TOO HIGH TO TAKE THE LIGHT AWAY.
YOU'VE REALLY BECOME PRETTY VOLUMINOUS, MY DARLING. I'M PROUD OF YOU
I SOME TIMES THINK THAT IF YOU WEREN'T MY DAUGHTER WELL, NEVER MIND
IF YOU FIGURE OUT HOW TO PLUMB THE PHYSICS FOR A FEW MORE YEARS WE STILL HAVE MADE OUR FORTUNE. DID YOU CHANGE YOUR PAINTER? DID YOU WASH YOUR CRITIC?
YES, RUTH AS ALWAYS DO
HOPE YOU WERE GENTLE OUR WITH THE WATER. THIS IS AN INVESTMENT WHERE WE GET ONE HUNDRED PER CENT RETURNS
CLAC!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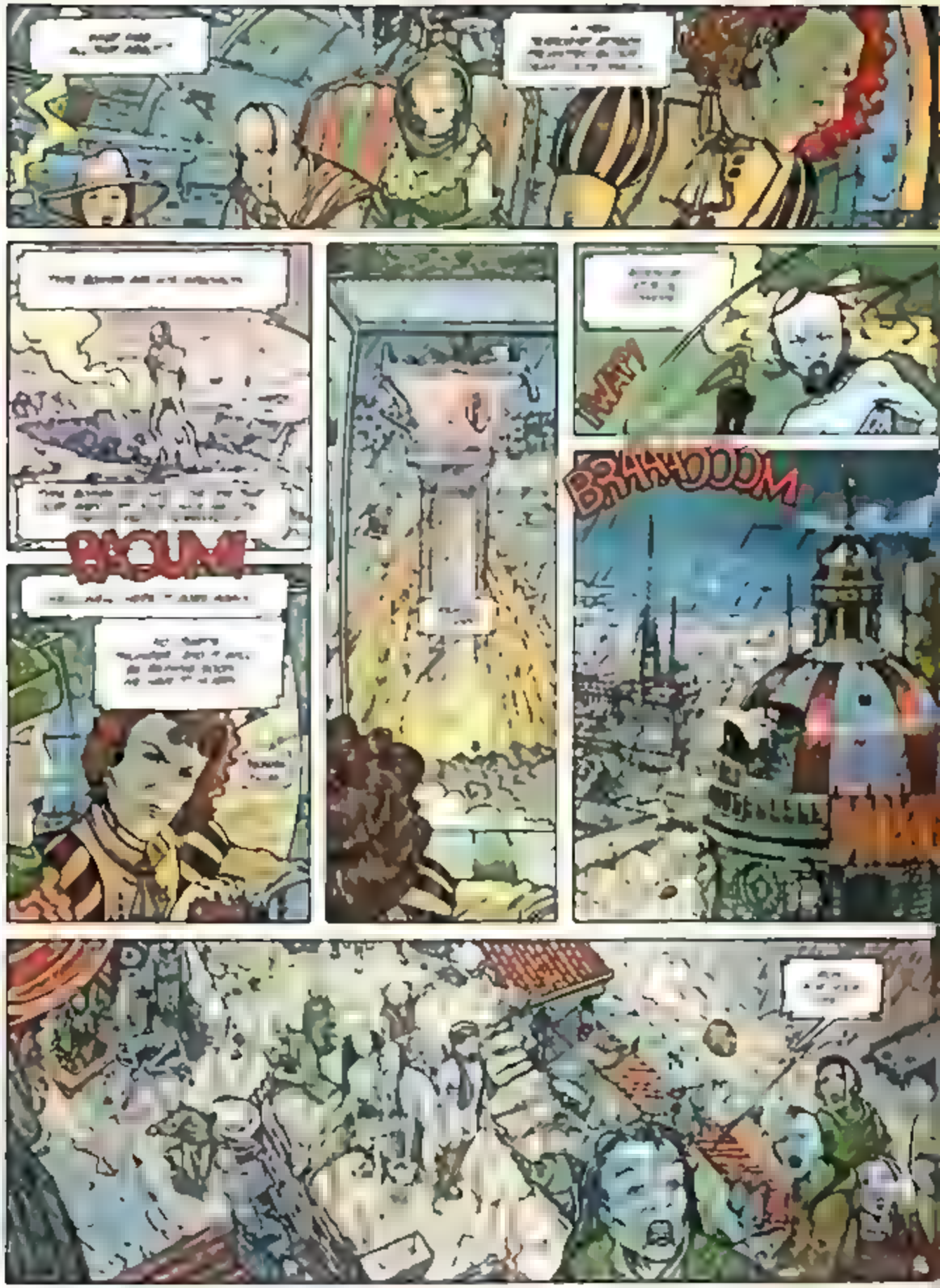
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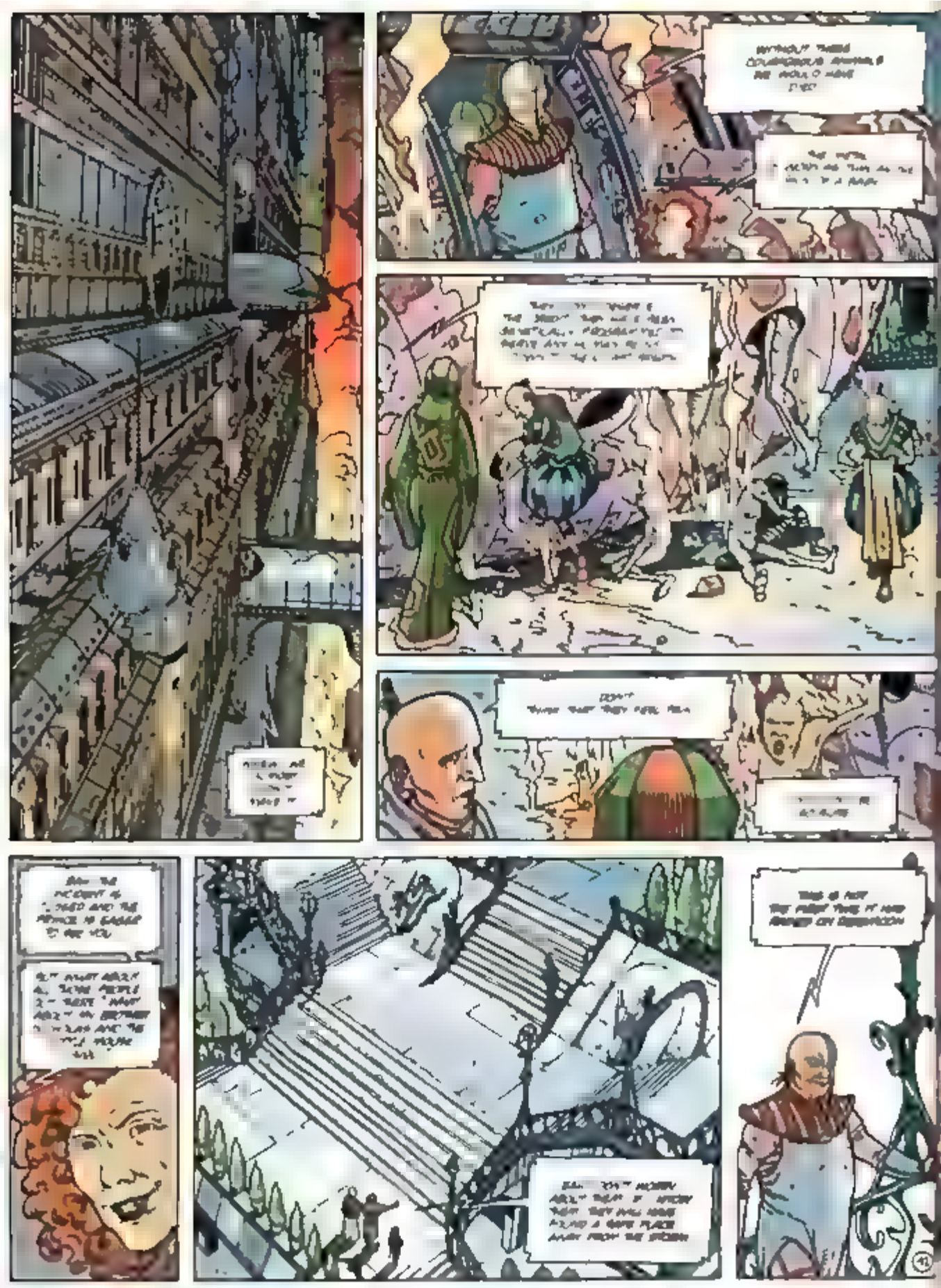
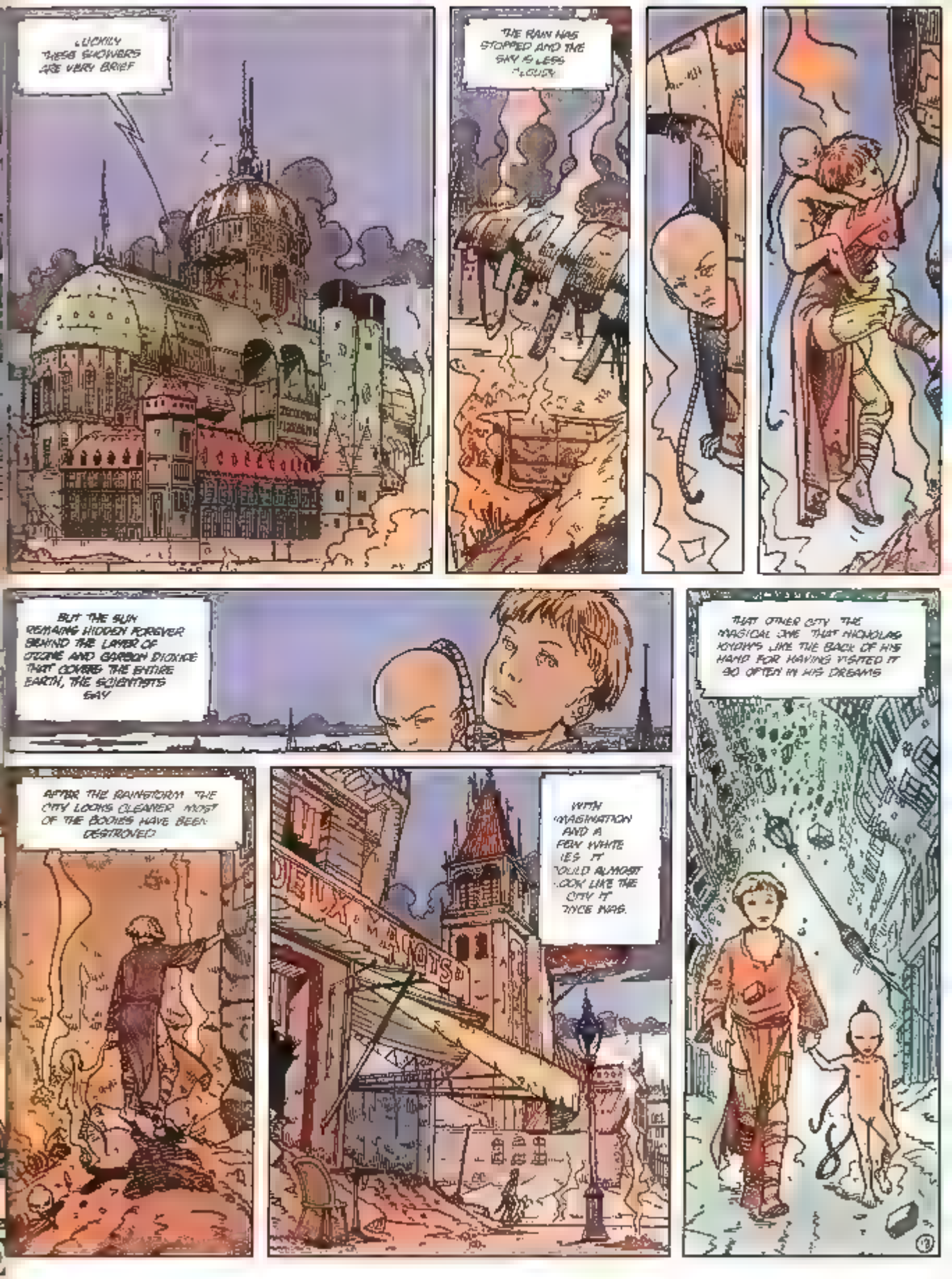
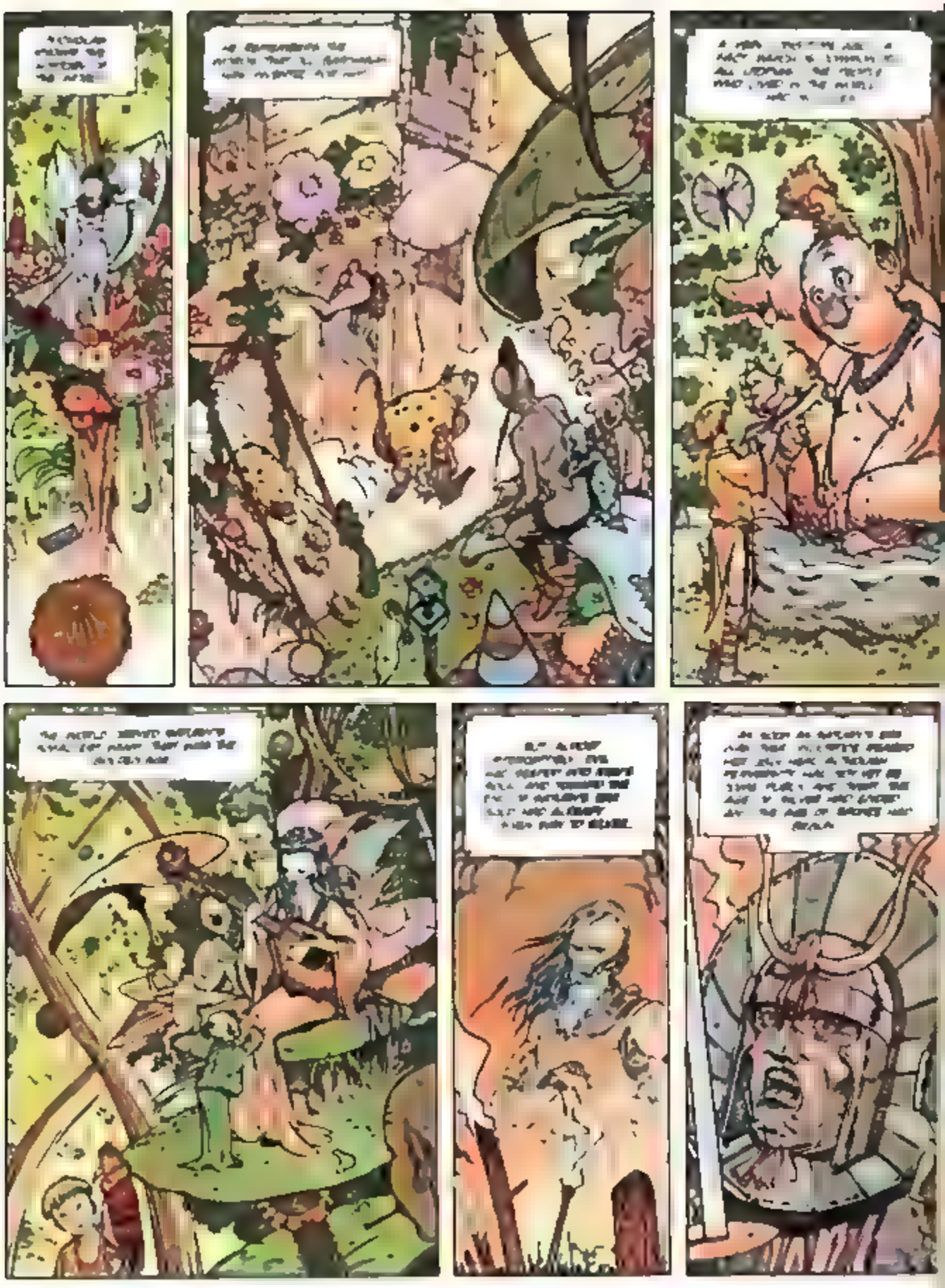
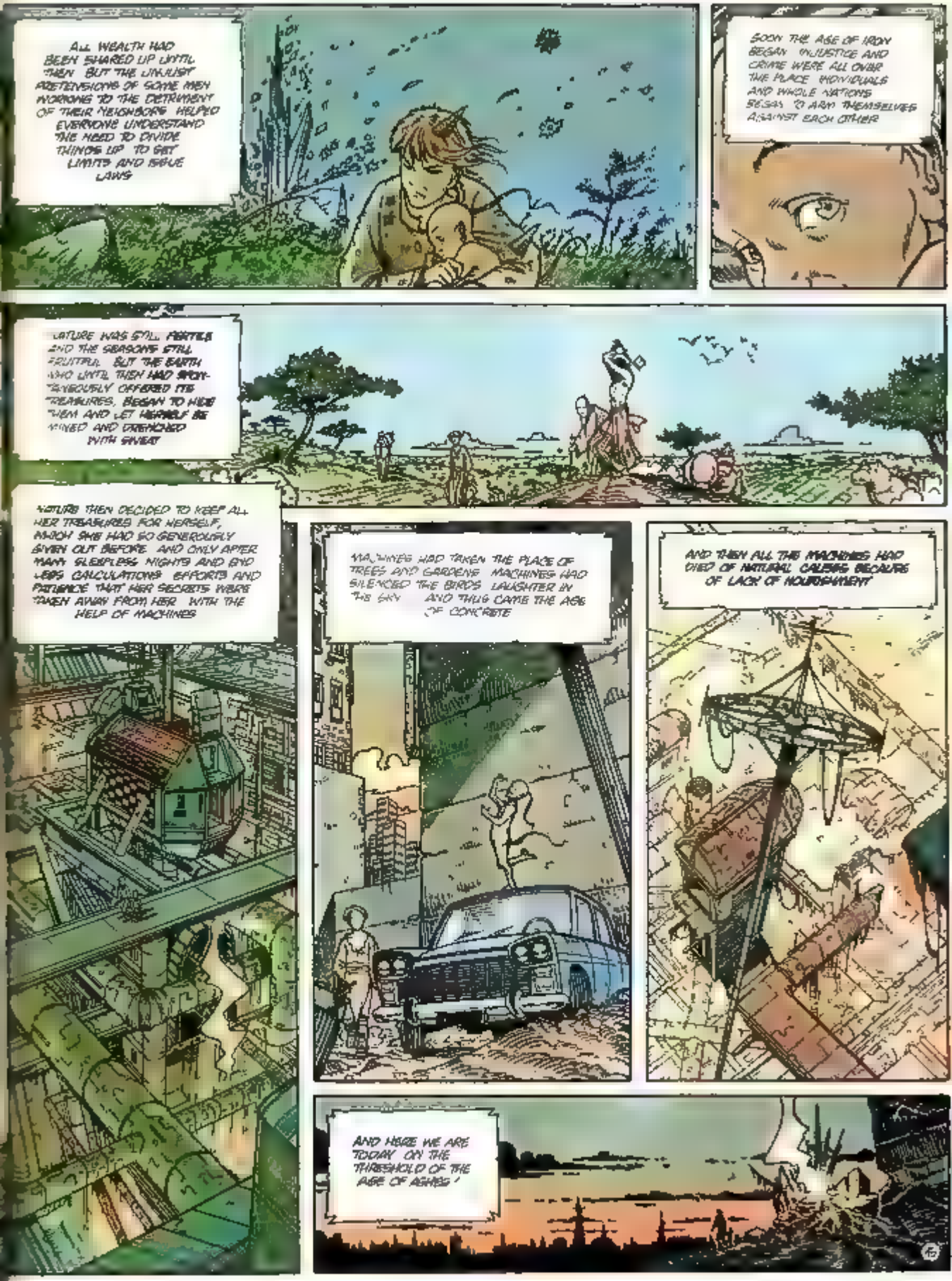
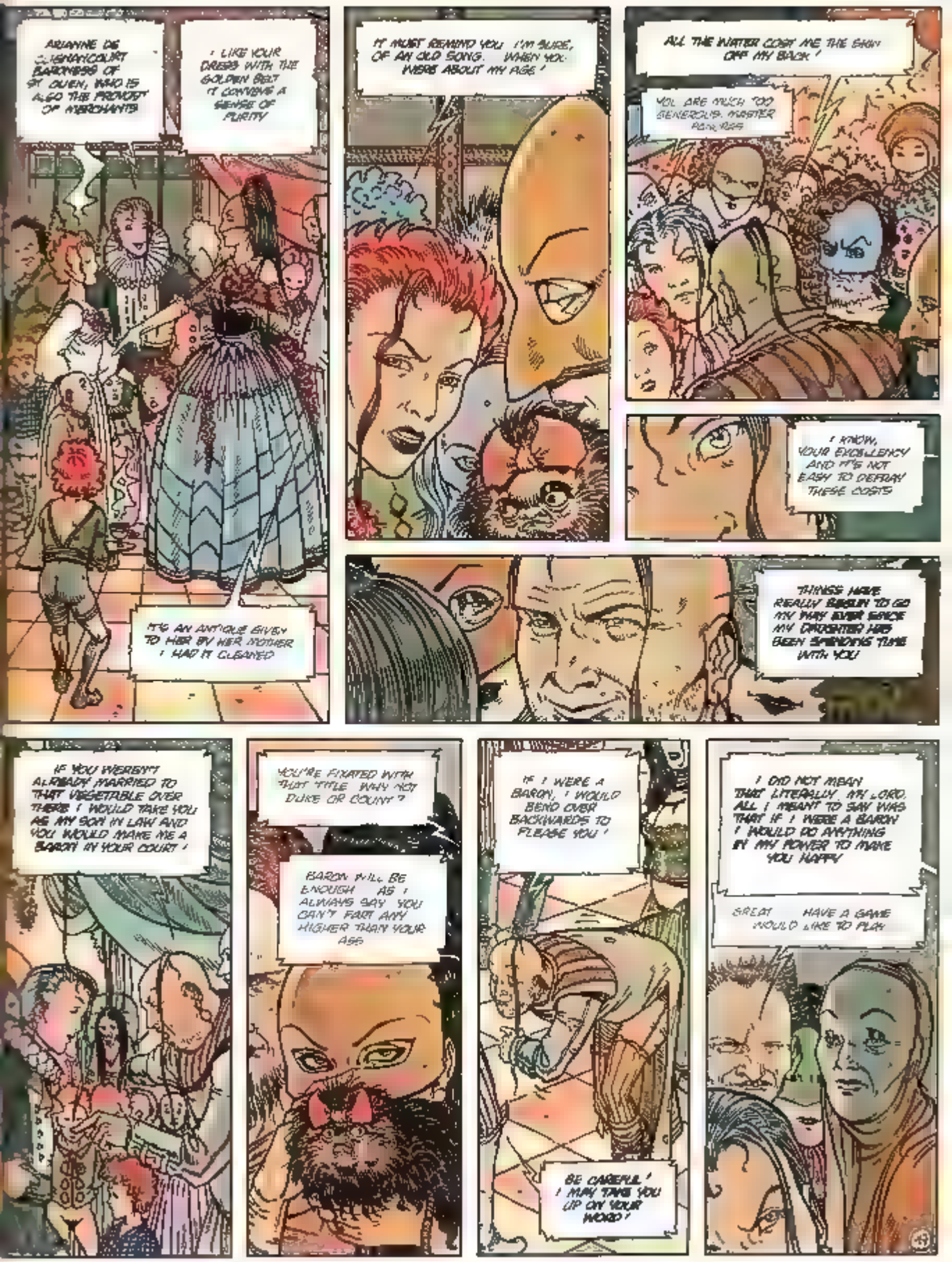
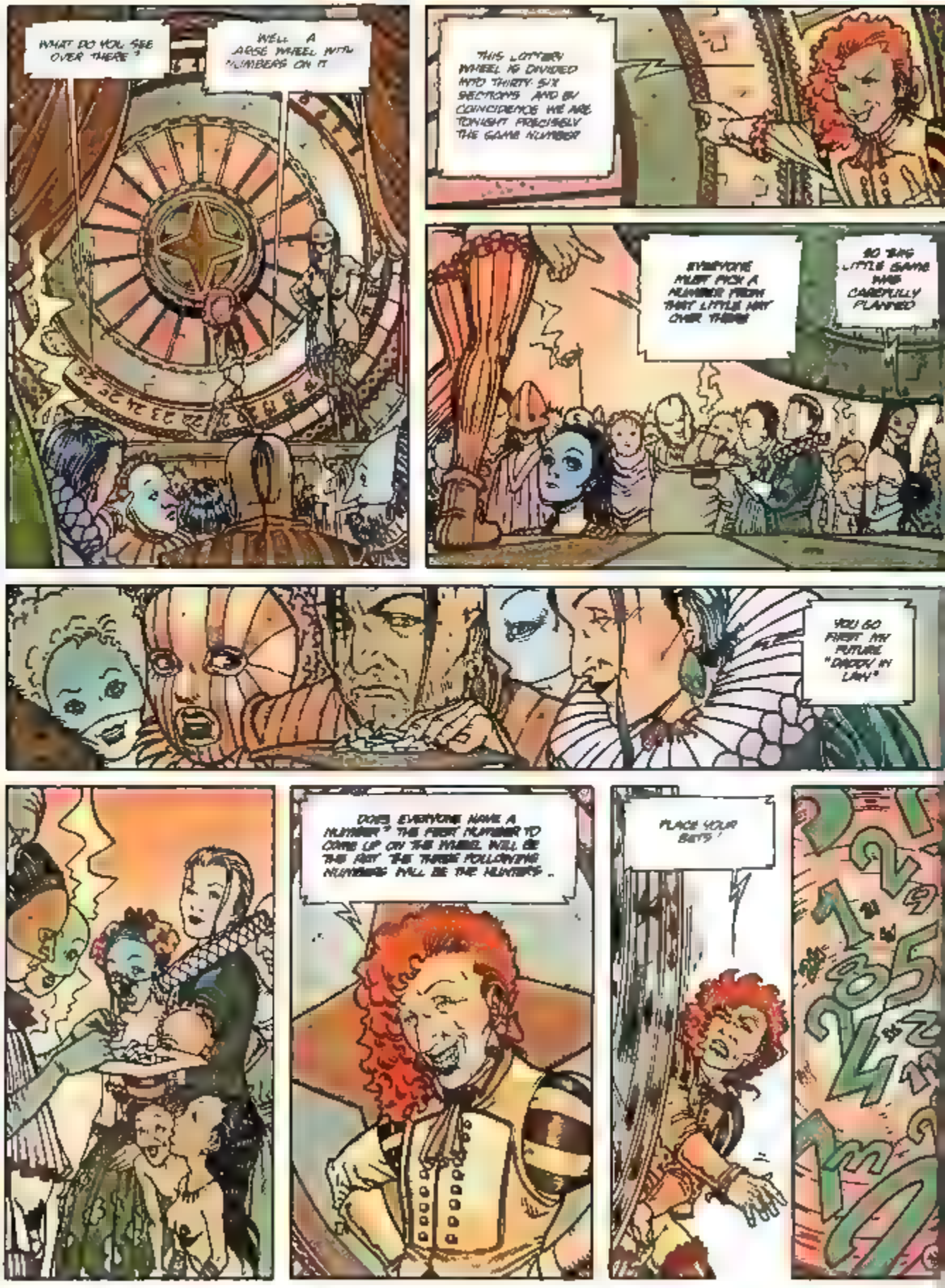



LUCKILY THESE SHOWERS ARE VERY BRIEF
THE RAIN HAS STOPPED AND THE SKY IS LESS CLOUDY
BUT THE SUN REMAINS HIDDEN FOREVER BEHIND THE LAYER OF OZONE AND CARBON DIOXIDE THAT COVERS THE ENTIRE EARTH, THE SCIENTISTS SAY
THAT OTHER CITY THE MAGICAL ONE THAT NICHOLAS KNOWS LIKE THE BACK OF HIS HAND FOR HAVING VISITED IT SO OFTEN IN HIS DREAMS
AFTER THE RAINSTORM THE CITY LOOKS CLEANER MOST OF THE BOOKS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED
WITH IMAGINATION AND A FEW WHITE LIES IT COULD ALMOST LOOK LIKE THE CITY IT ONCE WAS.




ALL WEALTH HAD BEEN SHARED UP UNTIL THEN BUT THE UNJUST ASTEVISIONS OF SOME MEN WORKING TO THE DETRIMENT OF THEIR NEIGHBORS HELPED EVERYONE UNDERSTAND THE NEED TO DIVIDE THINGS UP TO GET LIMITS AND ISSUE LAWS
SOON THE AGE OF IRON BEGAN INJUSTICE AND CRIME WERE ALL OVER THE PLACE INDIVIDUALS AND WHOLE NATIONS BEGAN TO ARM THEMSELVES AGAINST EACH OTHER
NATURE WAS STILL FERTILE AND THE SEASONS STILL FRUITFUL BUT THE EARTH WHO UNTIL THEN HAD SPONTANEOUSLY OFFERED ITS TREASURES, BEGAN TO HIDE THEM AND LET HERSELF BE MINED AND DRENCHED WITH SWEAT
NATURE THEN DECIDED TO KEEP ALL HER TREASURES FOR HERSELF, WHICH SHE HAD SO GENEROUSLY GIVEN OUT BEFORE AND ONLY AFTER MANY SLEEPLESS NIGHTS AND END LESS CALCULATIONS EFFORTS AND PATIENCE THAT HER SECRETS WERE TAKEN AWAY FROM HER WITH THE HELP OF MACHINES
MACHINES HAD TAKEN THE PLACE OF TREES AND GARDENS MACHINES HAD SILENCED THE BIRDS LAUGHTER IN THE SKY AND THUS CAME THE AGE OF CONCRETE
AND THEN ALL THE MACHINES HAD DIED OF NATURAL CAUSES BECAUSE OF LACK OF NOURISHMENT
AND HERE WE ARE TODAY ON THE THRESHOLD OF THE AGE OF ASHES !


ARIANNE DE CUGNACOURT BARONESS OF ST OUEN, WHO IS ALSO THE PROVOST OF MERCHANTS!
I LIKE YOUR DRESS WITH THE GOLDEN BELT IT CONVEYS A SENSE OF PURITY
IT'S AN ANTIQUE GIVEN TO HER BY HER MOTHER I HAD IT CLEANED
IT MUST REMIND YOU I'M SURE, OF AN OLD SONG... WHEN YOU WERE ABOUT MY AGE!
ALL THE WATER COST ME THE SKIN OFF MY BACK!
YOU ARE MUCH TOO GENEROUS, MASTER ROUX!
I KNOW, YOUR EXCELLENCY AND IT'S NOT EASY TO DEFRAY THESE COSTS
THINGS HAVE REALLY BEGUN TO GO MY WAY EVER SINCE MY DAUGHTER HAS BEEN SPENDING TIME WITH YOU
IF YOU WEREN'T ALREADY MARRIED TO THAT VEGETABLE OVER THERE I WOULD TAKE YOU AS MY SON IN LAW AND YOU WOULD MAKE ME A BARON IN YOUR COURT!
YOU'RE FIXATED WITH THAT TITLE WHY NOT DUKE OR COUNT?
BARON WILL BE ENOUGH AS I ALWAYS SAY YOU CAN'T FART ANY HIGHER THAN YOUR ASS
IF I WERE A BARON, I WOULD BEND OVER BACKWARDS TO PLEASE YOU!
BE CAREFUL! I MAY TAKE YOU UP ON YOUR WORD!
I DID NOT MEAN THAT LITERALLY, MY LORD. ALL I MEANT TO SAY WAS THAT IF I WERE A BARON I WOULD DO ANYTHING IN MY POWER TO MAKE YOU HAPPY
GREAT HAVE A GAME WOULD LIKE TO PLAY


WHAT DO YOU SEE OVER THERE ?
WELL A LARGE WHEEL WITH NUMBERS ON IT
THIS LOTTERY WHEEL IS DIVIDED INTO THIRTY-SIX SECTIONS AND BY COINCIDENCE WE ARE TONIGHT PRECISELY THE GAME NUMBER
EVERYONE MUST PICK A NUMBER FROM THAT LITTLE HAT OVER THERE
SO THIS LITTLE GAME WAS CAREFULLY PLANNED
YOU GO FIGHT MY FUTURE "DADDY IN LAW"
DOES EVERYONE HAVE A NUMBER ? THE FIRST NUMBER TO COME UP ON THE WHEEL WILL BE THE FIRST THE THREE FOLLOWING NUMBERS WILL BE THE NUMBERS .
PLACE YOUR BETS !

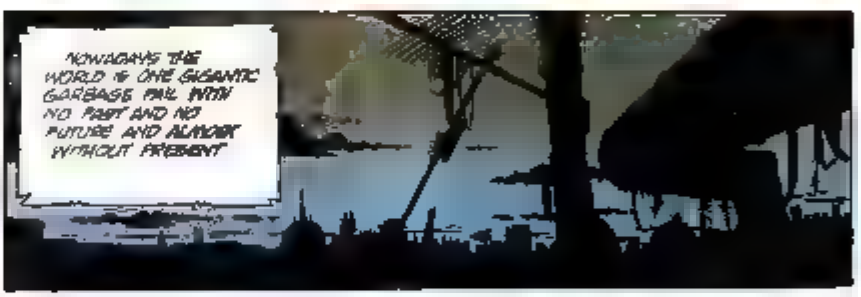
...E RAT NOW WEAR THIS ...SH HE MUST NOT ...KE IT OFF UNDER ANY ...UMSTANCE OR THE ...NISHMENT WILL BE THE ...THDRAWAL OF AN ...SIDERATION WITH ALL ...E MATERIAL BENEFITS ...AT GO WITH IT

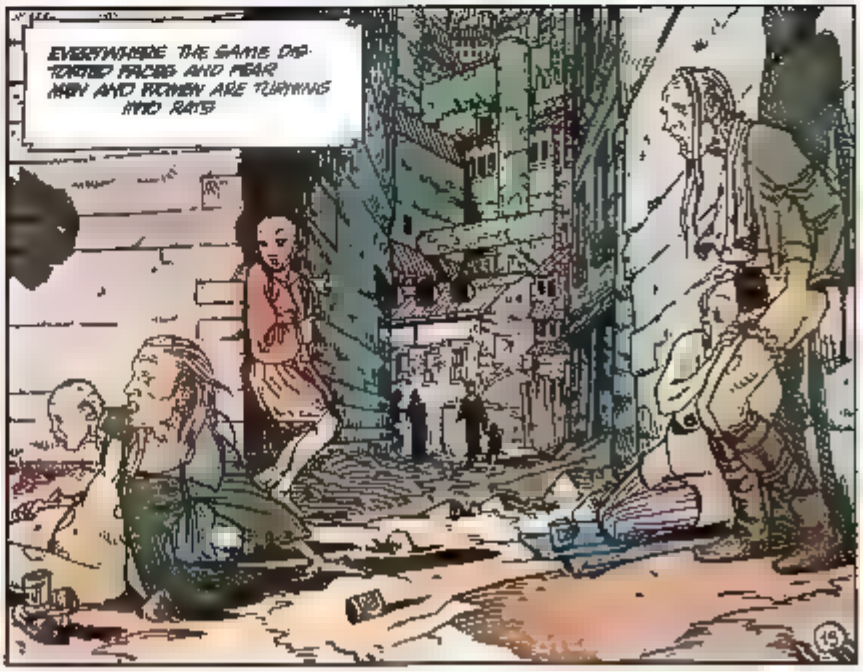
HIS ONLY WEAPONS WILL BE HIS INSTINCT OF PRESERVATION AND HIS FLEETNESS OF FOOT HE WILL LEAVE THE PALACE. THE HUNTERS WILL FOLLOW ONE MINUTE LATER RIDING ON HORSEMEN AND ARMED WITH CROSSBOWS

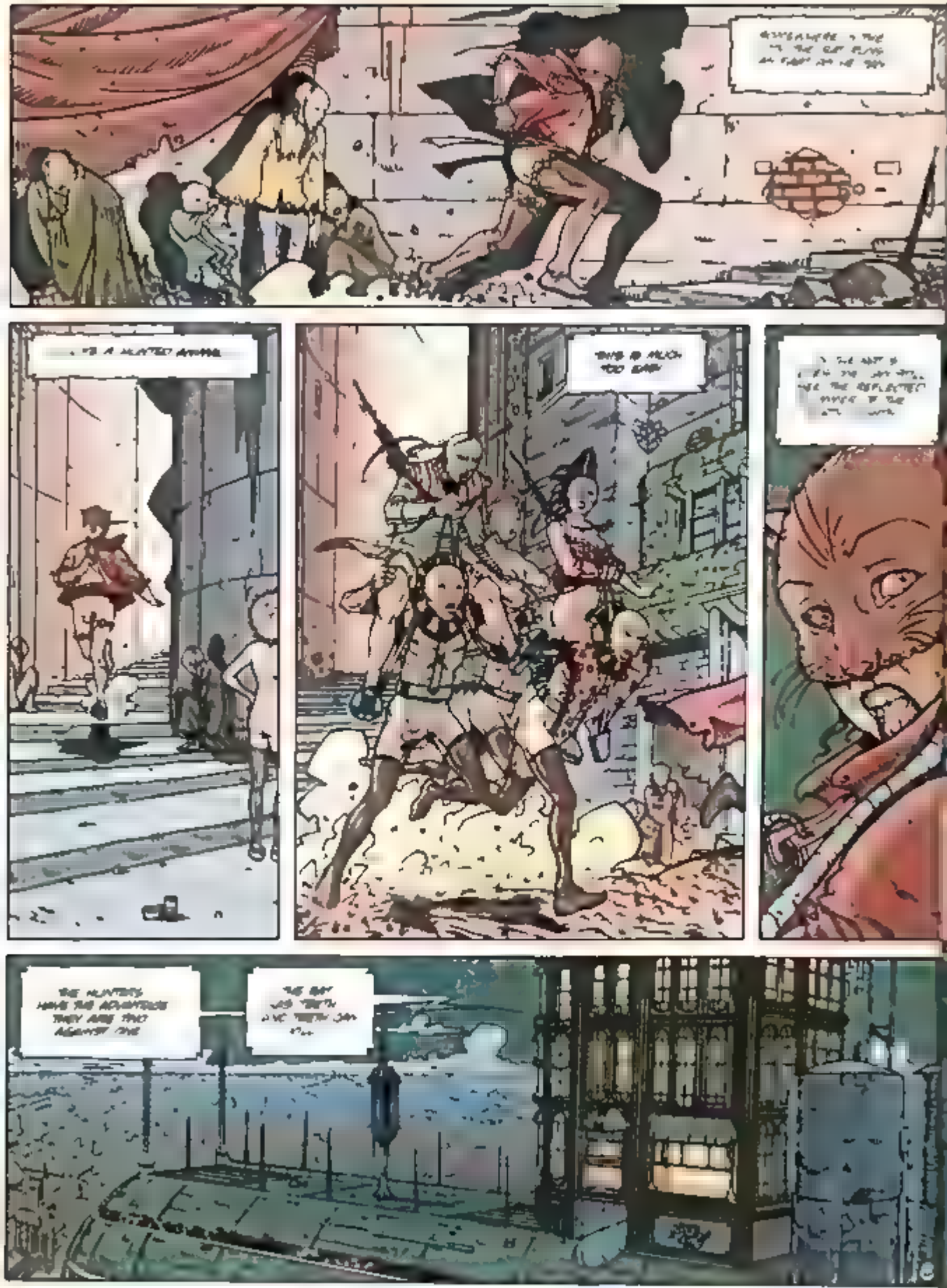
THEY WILL CHASE THE RAT AND ARE AUTHORIZED TO SHOOT ON SIGHT

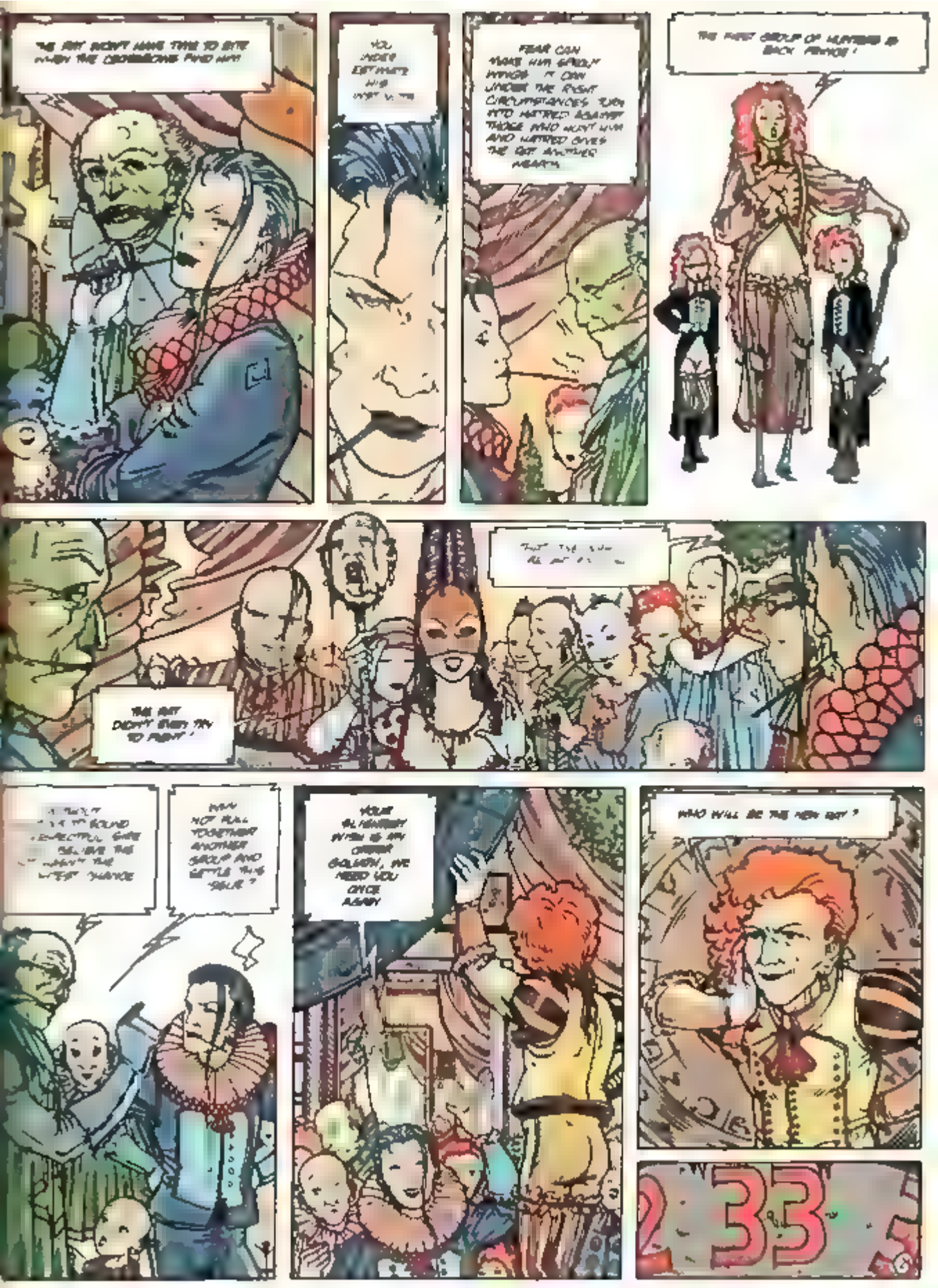
NICHOLAS REMEMBERS BARNABAS'S WORDS

THE STREETS IN RUIN SPREAD LIKE CANCER IN ALL DIRECTIONS, UP TO THE EDGE OF THE CITY


NOWADAYS THE WORLD IS ONE GIGANTIC GARBAGE PAIL WITH NO PAST AND NO FUTURE AND ALMOST WITHOUT PRESENT


EVERYWHERE THE SAME DISTORTED FACES AND FEAR MEN AND WOMEN ARE TURNING INTO RATS


IT'S A HUNTED ANIMAL
THIS IS MUCH TOO EASY
THE HUNTERS HAVE THE ADVANTAGE THEY ARE TWO AGAINST ONE
THE CAT HAS TEETH AND TEETH CAN KILL


THE BOY WON'T HAVE TIME TO BITE WHEN THE CROWBEINGS FIND HIM
YOU UNDER ESTIMATE HIS HATE FOR THEM
FEAR CAN MAKE HIM GREATLY INFLUENCE IT CAN UNLEASH THE RIGHT CIRCUMSTANCES TURN INTO HATRED AGAINST THOSE WHO HURT HIM AND HATRED GIVES THE BOY ANOTHER WEAPON
THE FIRST GROUP OF HUNTERS IS BACK FROM ICE !
THE BOY DIDN'T EVEN TRY TO FIGHT !
WHO WILL BE THE NEW BOY ?
YOUR ALLEGIANCE WITH US IN OUR CURRENT BATTLE, WE NEED YOU ONCE AGAIN
WHY NOT ALL TOGETHER ANOTHER GROUP AND LITTLE TIME SAVE ?
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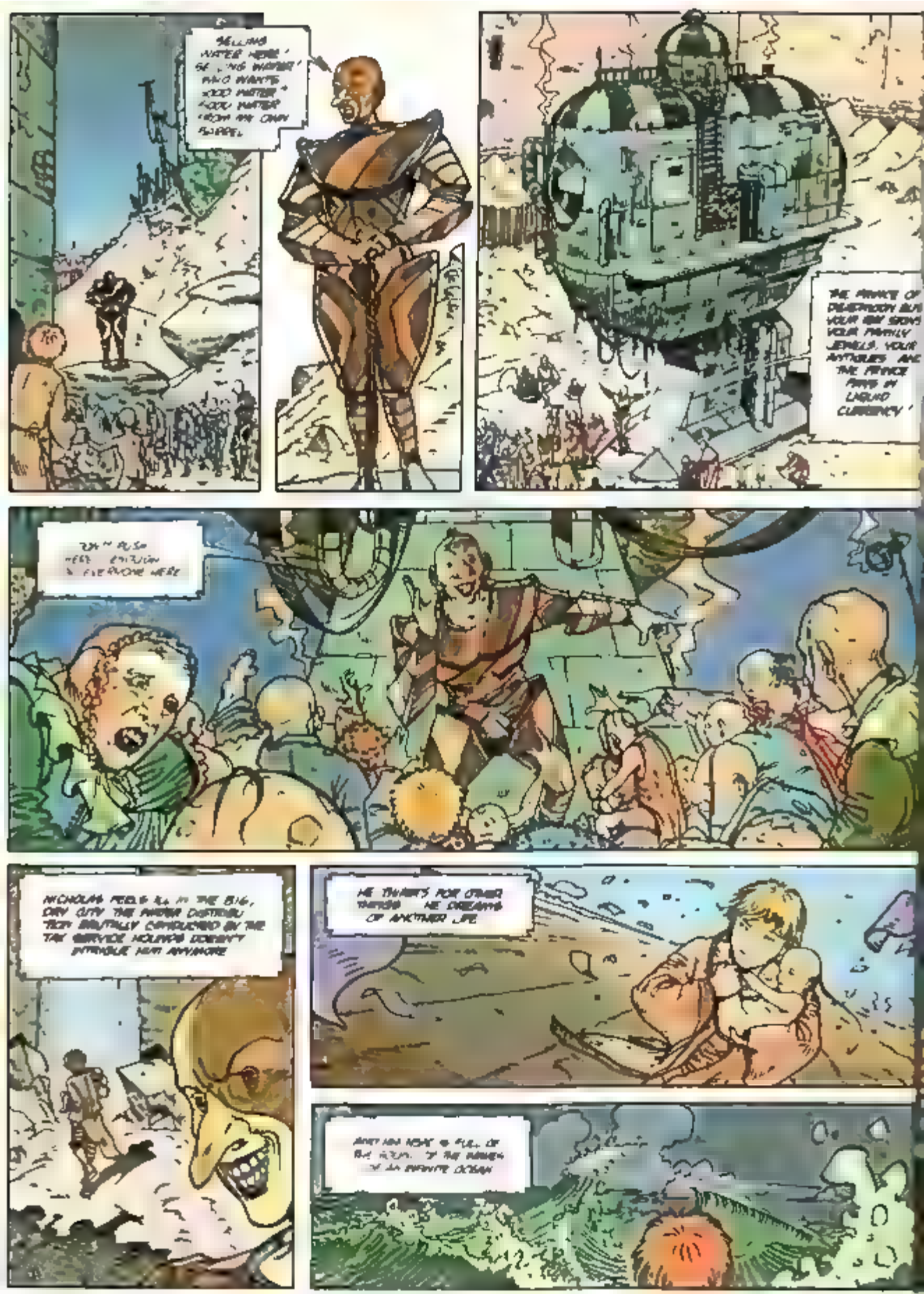
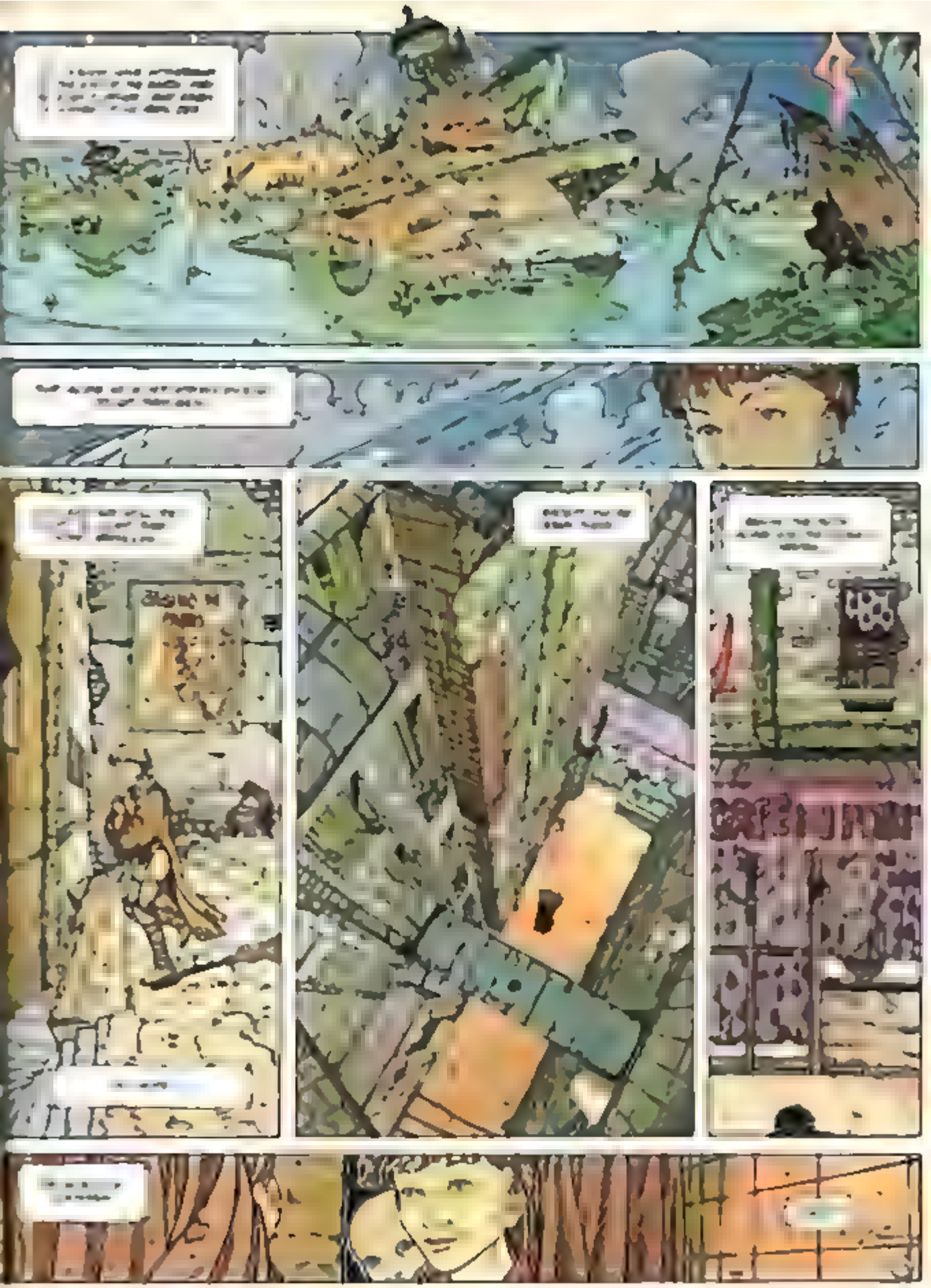
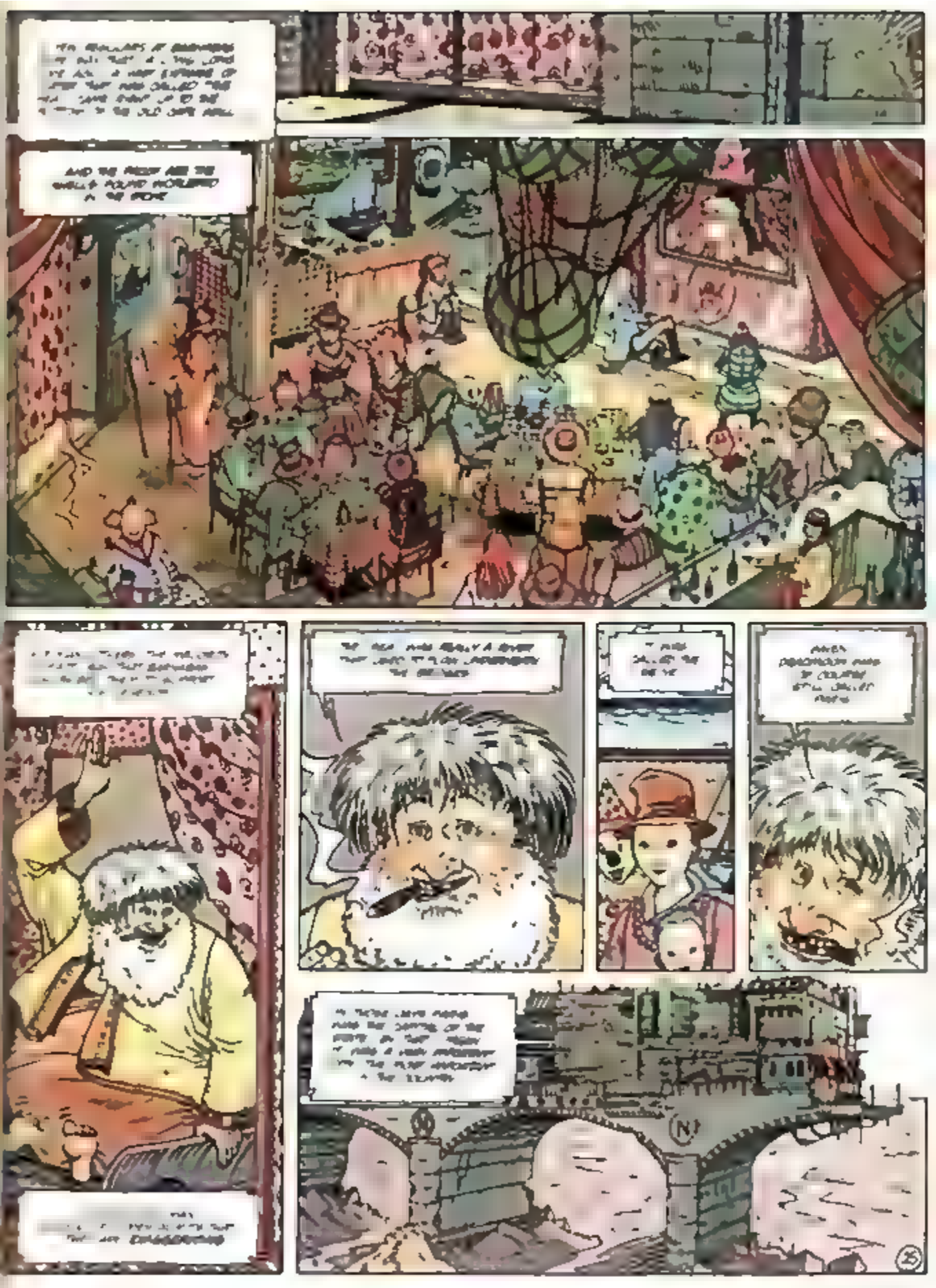
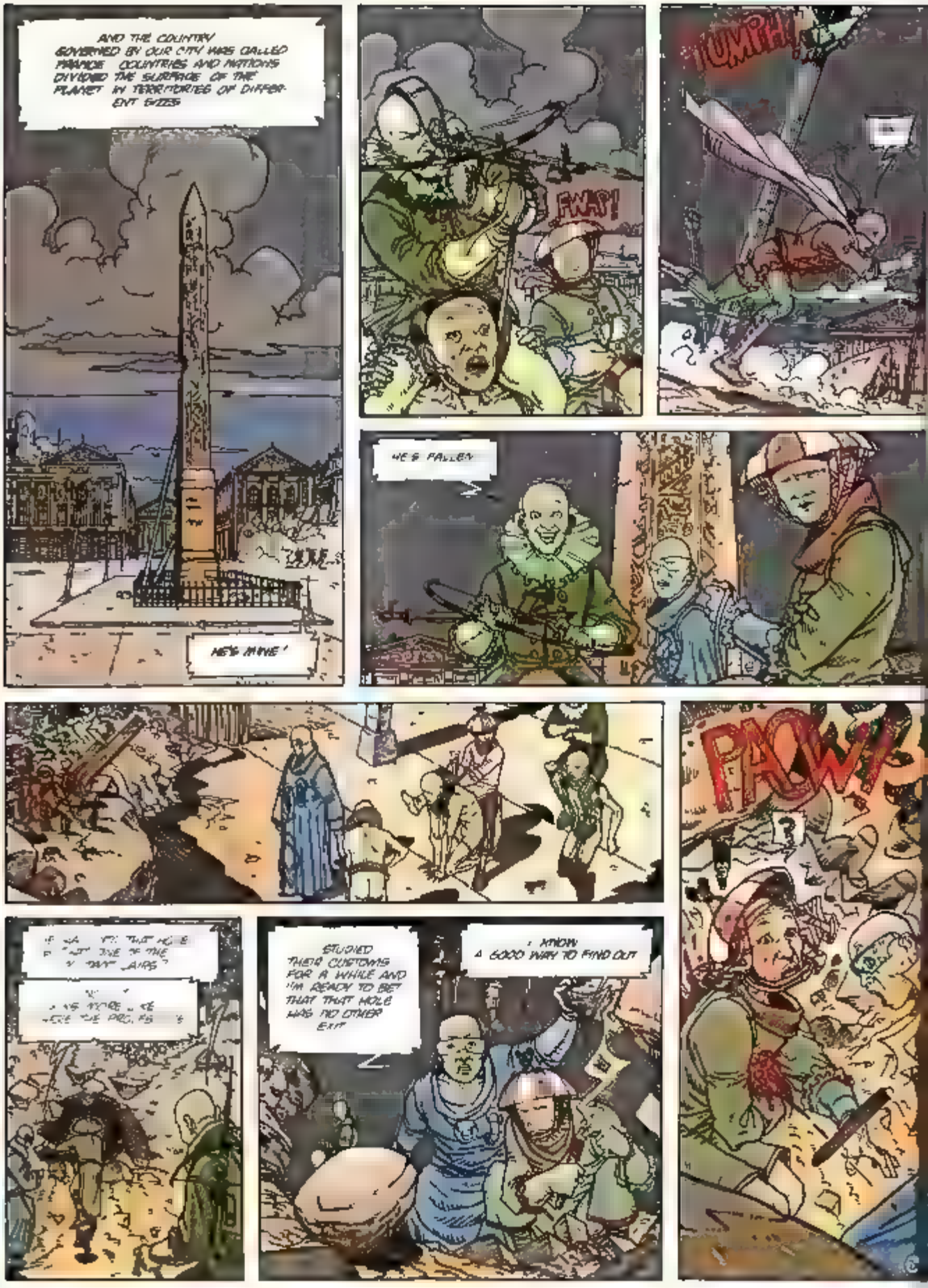

SELLING WATER HERE! GET YOUR WATER! WHO WANTS GOOD WATER? GOOD WATER FROM MY OWN BARREL
THE PRICE OF DESTRUCTION BUYS YOUR OWN SONS YOUR FAMILY JEWELS, YOUR ANTIQUES AND THE SERVICE PAYS IN LIQUID CURRENCY!
NICHOLAS FEELS ILL IN THE BIG, DRY CITY THE WATER DISTRIBUTION BRUTALLY CONDUCTED BY THE TAX SERVICE HOLDER DOESN'T INTRIGUE HIM ANYMORE
HE THINKS FOR OTHER THINGS HE DREAMS OF ANOTHER LIFE

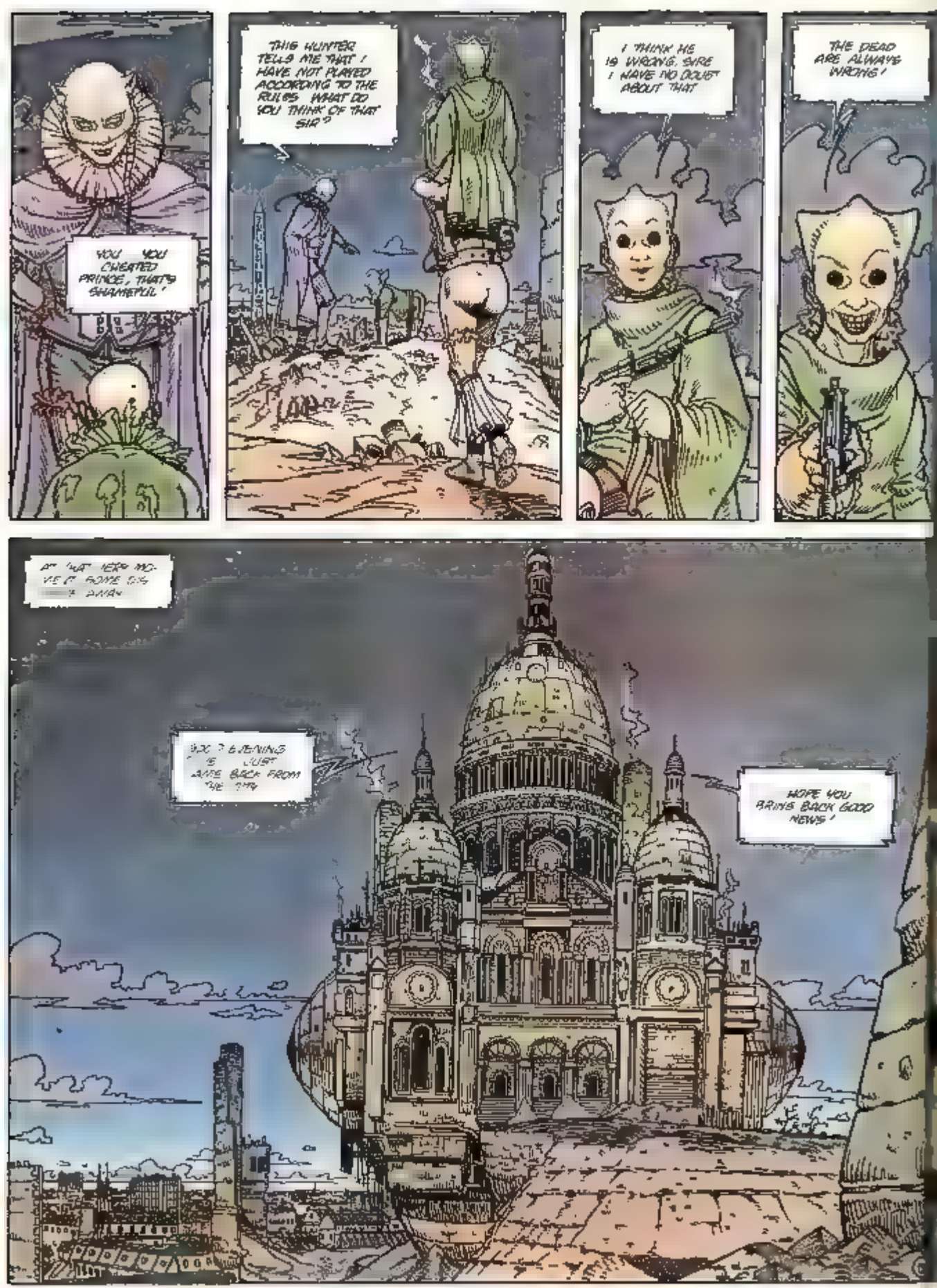


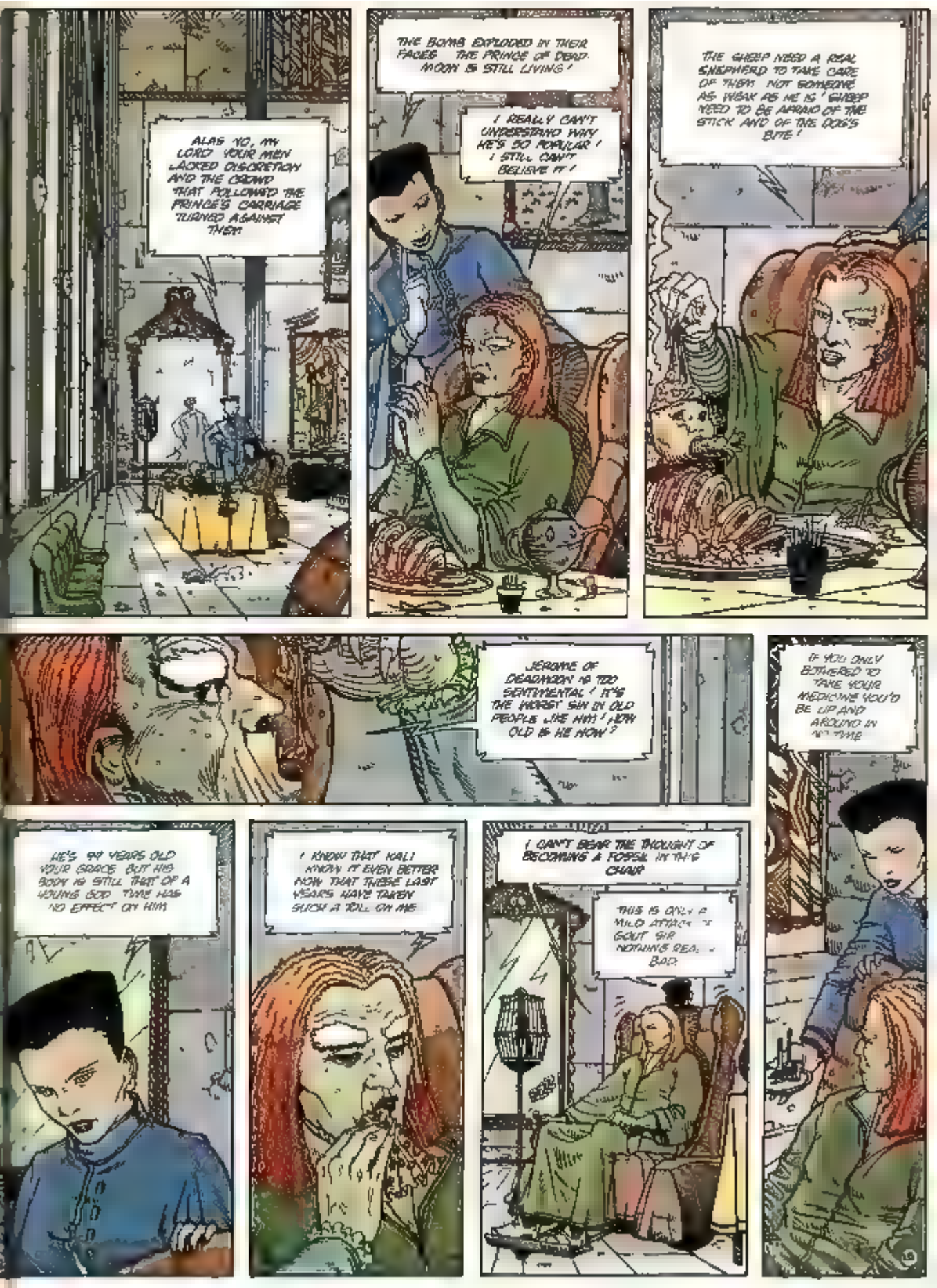
THIS PROMISES TO BE EXTREMELY ENTERTAINING!
YOU SAID THAT THIS GAME WOULD ALLOW NO EXCEPTIONS!
BUT I AM THE PRINCE OF DARKNESS! I HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN TAKE ANYONE'S PLACE IN ANY ROLE I CHOOSE!
THAT CLAUSE DOES NOT APPEAR IN THE RULES OF THE GAME!
IT IS THERE FROM NOW ON!
SUBMIT TO YOUR RULER, MY LORD. BUT BEFORE YOU LEAVE YOU HAVE TO PROVE TO US THAT YOU ARE THE REAL PRINCE!
AND NOT ONE OF THE LONERS THAT SOMETIMES TAKE YOUR PLACE IN THE MOMENTS OF GREATEST DANGER!
DO NOT WORRY... PUT HER IN A SAFE PLACE IN YOUR LIVING QUARTERS. NO ONE WILL TOUCH HER WITHOUT YOUR PERMISSION
OTHER THAN SOME OF THE OTHER SPECIMENS OF MY PRIVATE ZOO TO HELP THEM WHILE AWAY THE TIME...

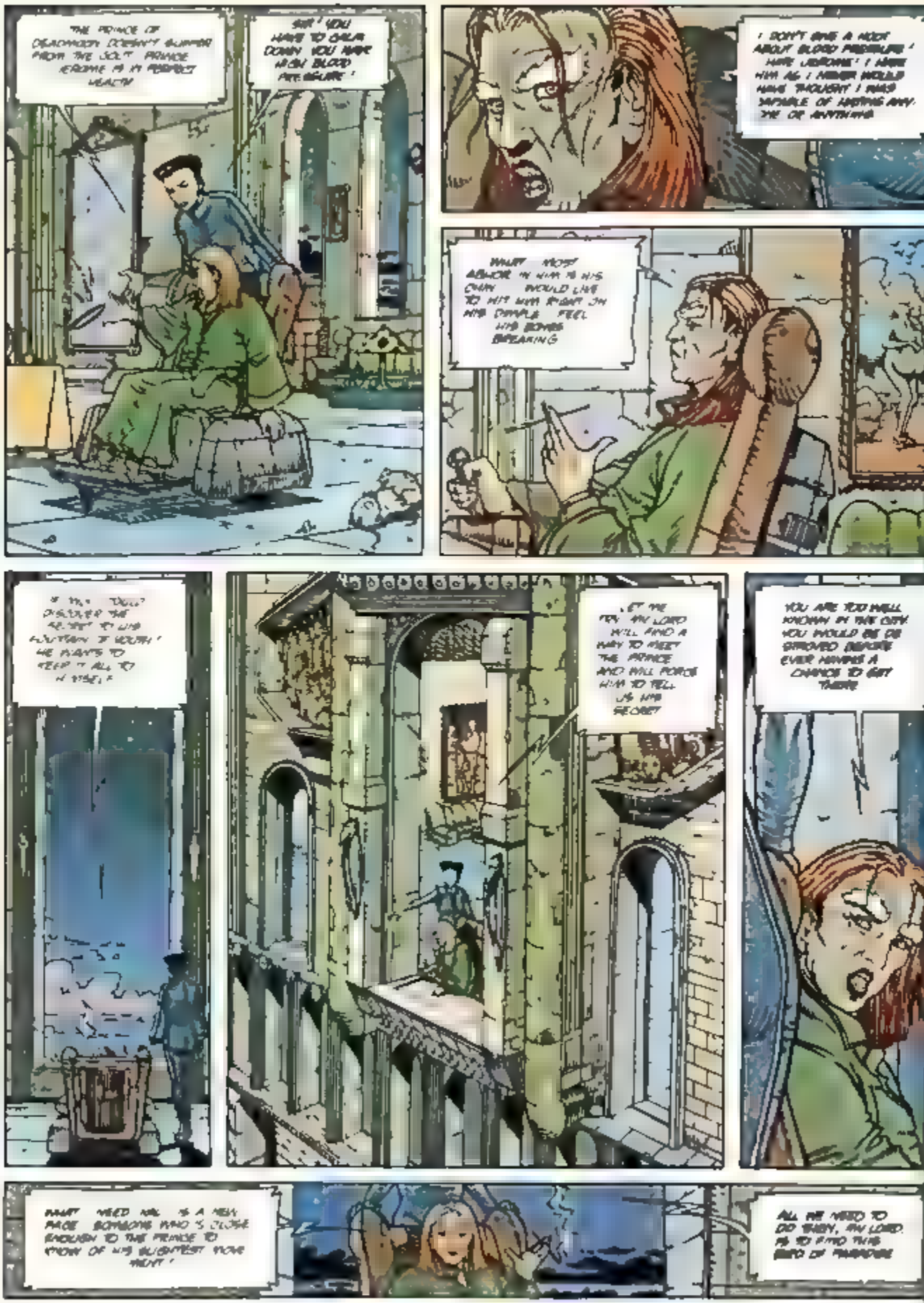


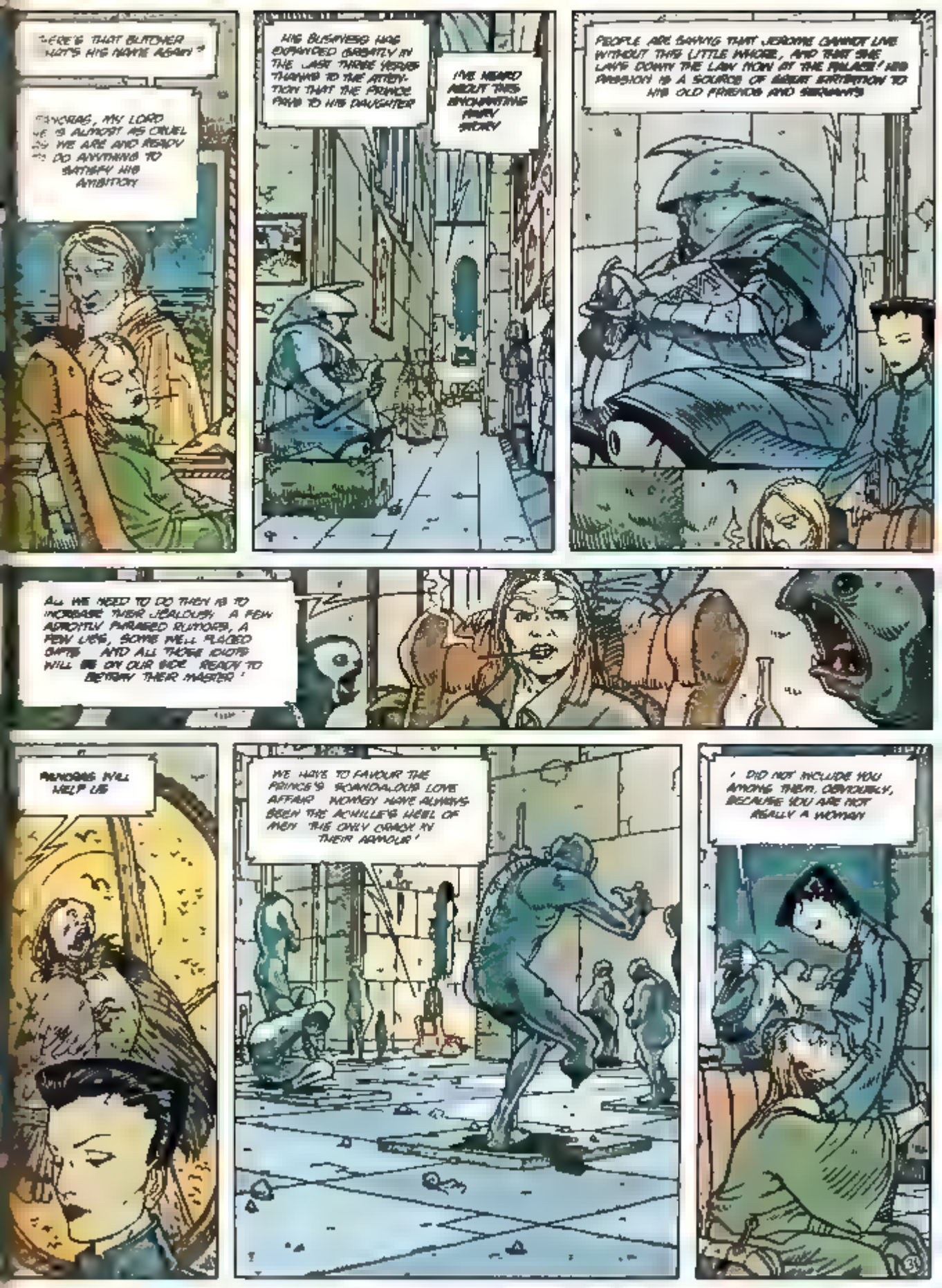

AND THE COUNTRY GOVERNED BY OUR CITY WAS CALLED FRANCE. COUNTRIES AND NATIONS DIVIDED THE SURFACE OF THE PLANET IN TERRITORIES OF DIFFERENT SIZES
HE'S MINE!
FWAP!
TUMPH!
HE'S FALLEN
PAOW!
STUDIED THESE CUSTOMS FOR A WHILE AND I'M READY TO BET THAT THAT HOLE HAS NO OTHER EXIT
I KNOW A GOOD WAY TO FIND OUT

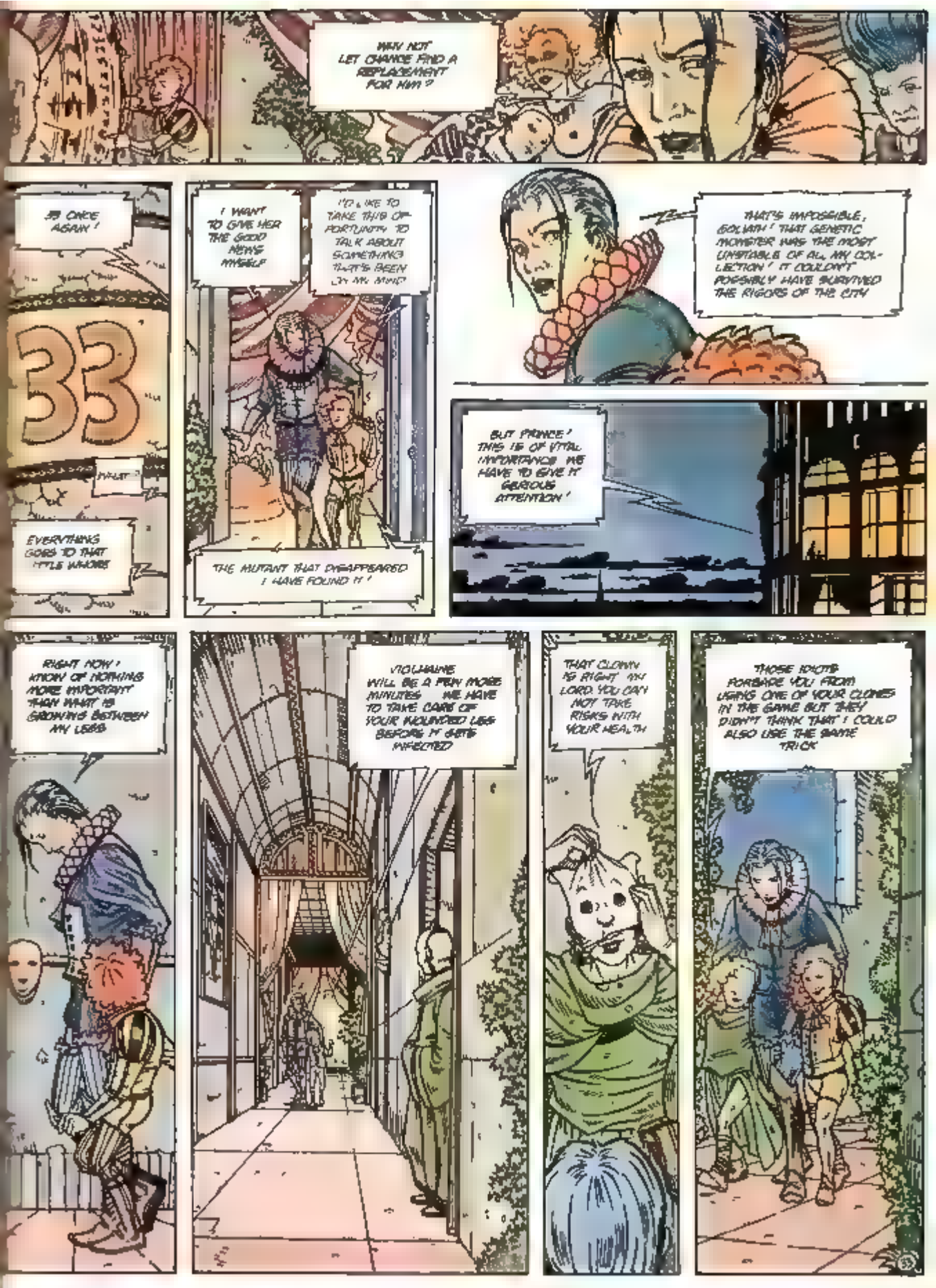
PAOW!
IT'S A TRAP
PAOW!
PATAKREEP!
!?!?


YOU YOU CHEATED PRINCE, THAT'S SHAMEFUL!
THIS HUNTER TELLS ME THAT I HAVE NOT PLAYED ACCORDING TO THE RULES. WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THAT SIR?
I THINK HE IS WRONG, SIRE I HAVE NO DOUBT ABOUT THAT
THE DEAD ARE ALWAYS WRONG!
AT LAST HERE MOVE IT SOME DAY [illegible] PARIS
GOOD EVENING IS JUST BACK FROM THE CITY
HOPE YOU BRING BACK GOOD NEWS!


ALAS YO, MY LORD YOUR MEN LACKED DISCRETION AND THE CROWD THAT FOLLOWED THE PRINCE'S CARRIAGE TURNED AGAINST THEM
THE BOMB EXPLODED IN THEIR FACES THE PRINCE OF DEAD MOON IS STILL LIVING!
I REALLY CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY HE'S SO POPULAR! I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
THE SHEEP NEED A REAL SHEPHERD TO TAKE CARE OF THEM NOT SOMEONE AS WEAK AS ME IS! SHEEP NEED TO BE AFRAID OF THE STICK AND OF THE DOG'S BITE!
JEROME OF DEADMOON IS TOO SENTIMENTAL! IT'S THE WORST SIN IN OLD PEOPLE LIKE HIM! HOW OLD IS HE NOW?
IF YOU ONLY BOTHERED TO TAKE YOUR MEDICINE YOU'D BE UP AND AROUND IN NO TIME
HE'S 99 YEARS OLD YOUR GRACE BUT HIS BODY IS STILL THAT OF A YOUNG GOD TIME HAS NO EFFECT ON HIM
I KNOW THAT KALI KNOW IT EVEN BETTER NOW THAT THESE LAST YEARS HAVE TAKEN SUCH A TOLL ON ME
I CAN'T BEAR THE THOUGHT OF BECOMING A FOSSIL IN THIS CHAIR
THIS IS ONLY A MILD ATTACK OF GOUT SIR NOTHING REAL BAD


THE PRINCE OF DEADWOOD DOESN'T ALWAYS FROM THE SOUTH PRINCE HEROINE IS IN PERFECT HEALTH
SIR! YOU HAVE TO CALM DOWN YOU HAVE HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE!
I DON'T GIVE A HOOT ABOUT BLOOD PRESSURE! I HATE HEROINE! I HATE HIM AS I NEVER WOULD HAVE THOUGHT I WAS CAPABLE OF HATING ANY-ONE OR ANYTHING
WHAT MOST ANGERS IN HIM IS HIS OWN WOULD LIKE TO HIT HIM RIGHT ON HIS DIMPLE FEEL HIS BONES BREAKING
IF YOU DON'T DISCOVER THE SECRET TO HIS FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH HE PLANS TO KEEP IT ALL TO HIMSELF
LET THE TEN AM LORD WILL FIND A WAY TO MEET THE PRINCE AND WILL FORCE HIM TO TELL US HIS SECRET
YOU ARE TOO WELL KNOWN IN THE CITY YOU WOULD BE DE SPOTTED BEFORE EVER HAVING A CHANCE TO GET THERE
WHAT NEED HIM IS A NEW FACE SOMEONE WHO IS CLOSE ENOUGH TO THE PRINCE TO KNOW OF HIS SLIGHTEST MOVEMENT
ALL WE NEED TO DO BABY, AM LORD IS TO FIND THIS BIRD OF PARADISE


HERE'S THAT BUTCHER NOT'S HIS NAME AGAIN ?
FAVORAS, MY LORD HE IS ALMOST AS CRUEL AS WE ARE AND READY TO DO ANYTHING TO SATISFY HIS AMBITION
HIS BUSINESS HAS EXPANDED GREATLY IN THE LAST THREE YEARS THANKS TO THE ATTENTION THAT THE PRINCE PAID TO HIS DAUGHTER
I'VE HEARD ABOUT THIS ENCHANTING FAIRY STORY
PEOPLE ARE SAYING THAT JEROME CANNOT LIVE WITHOUT THIS LITTLE WHORE, AND THAT SHE LAYS DOWN THE LAW EVEN AT THE PALACE! HIS PASSION IS A SOURCE OF GREAT EXTRATION TO HIS OLD FRIENDS AND SERVANTS
ALL WE NEED TO DO THEN IS TO INCREASE THEIR JEALOUSY A FEW ADROITLY PHRASED RUMORS, A FEW LIES, SOME WELL PLACED DARTS AND ALL THOSE IDIOTS WILL BE ON OUR SIDE READY TO BETRAY THEIR MASTER !
PERSONS WILL HELP US
WE HAVE TO FAVOUR THE PRINCE'S SCANDALOUS LOVE AFFAIR WOMEN HAVE ALWAYS BEEN THE ACHILLE'S HEEL OF MEN THE ONLY CHINK IN THEIR ARMOUR !
I DID NOT INCLUDE YOU AMONG THEM, OBVIOUSLY, BECAUSE YOU ARE NOT REALLY A WOMAN


MAY NOT LET CHANCE FIND A REPLACEMENT FOR HIM ?
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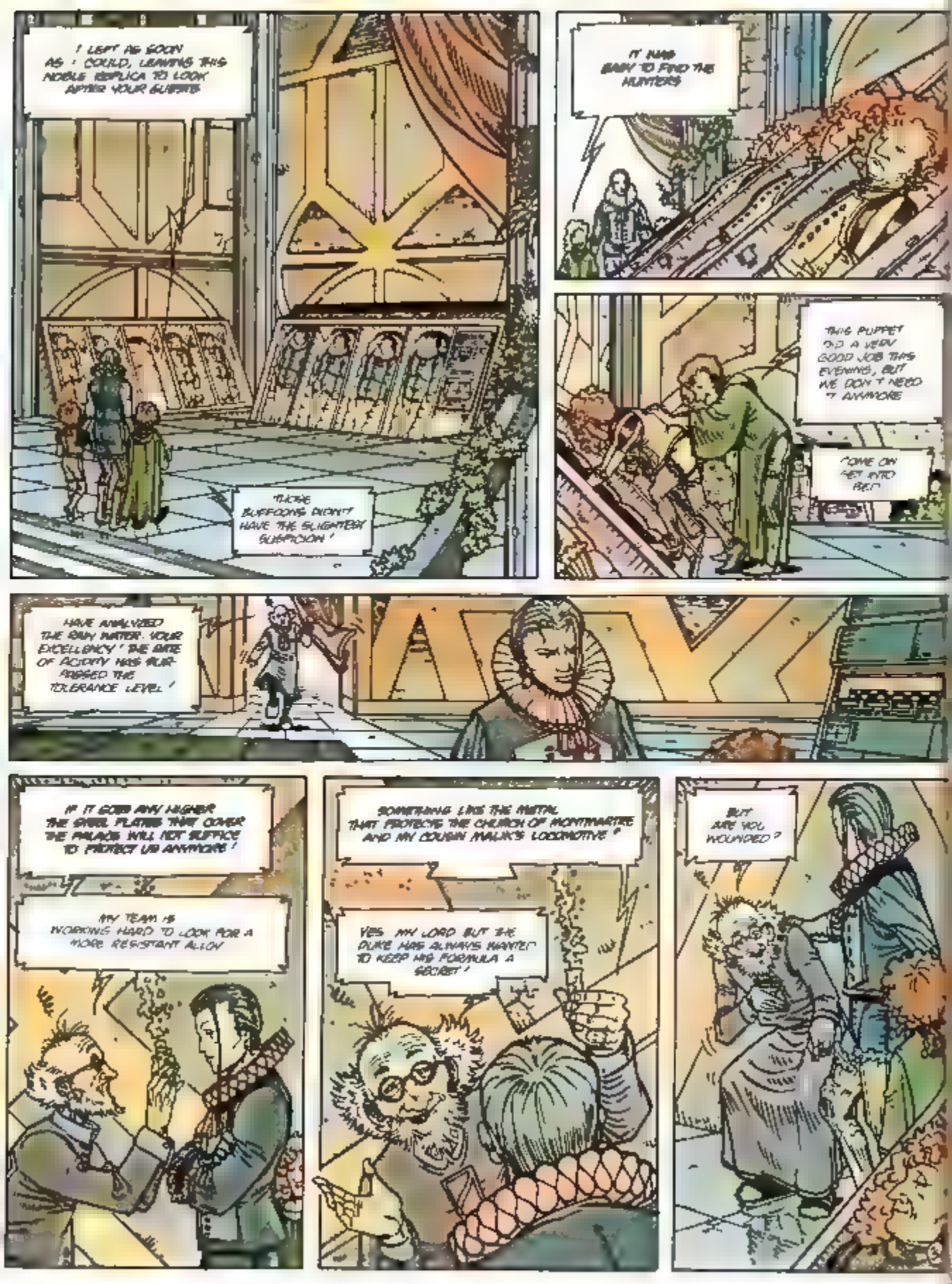
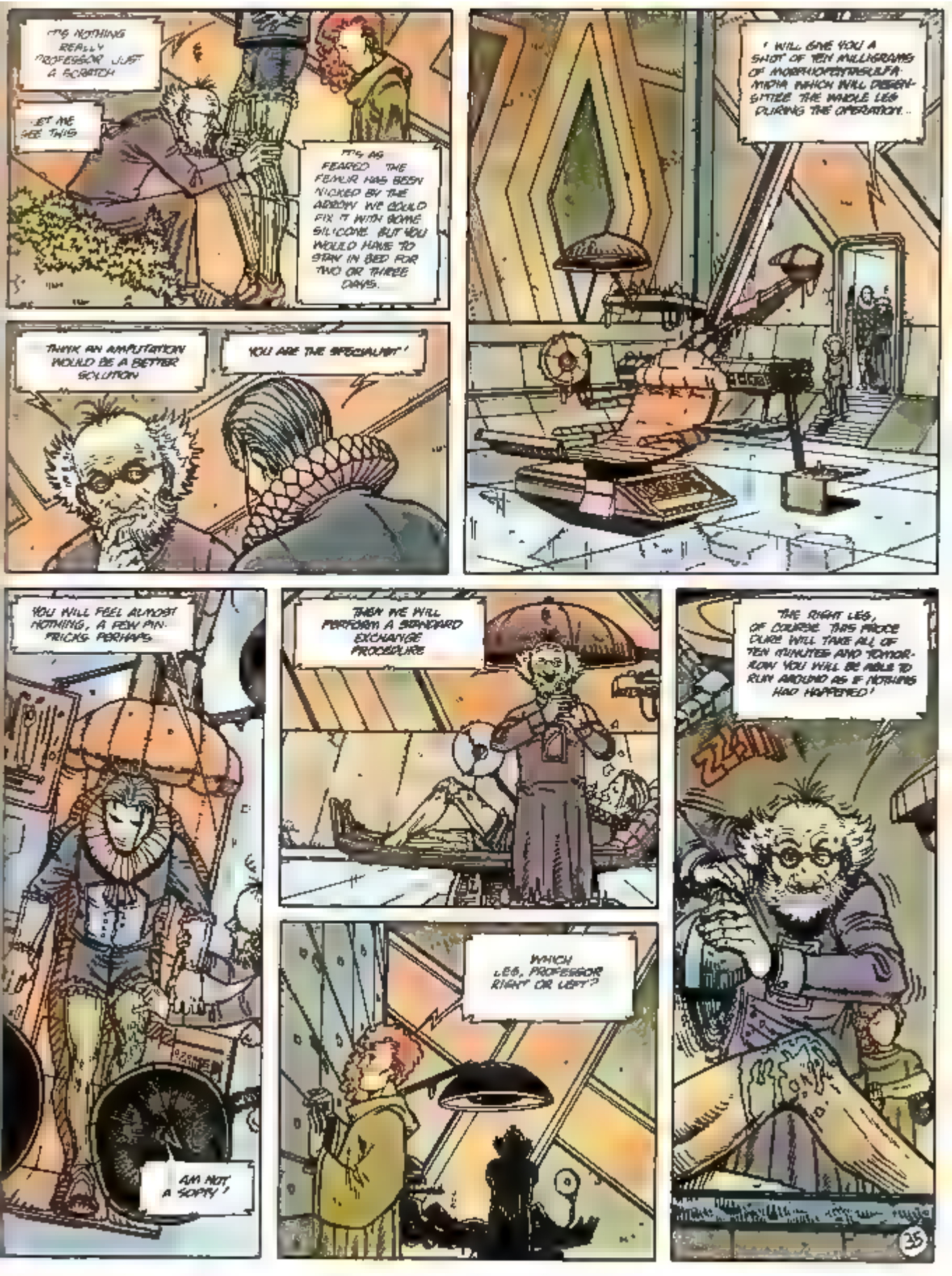
AT ONCE AGAIN !
WHAT ?
EVERYTHING GOES TO THAT LITTLE WHORE
I WANT TO GIVE HER THE GOOD NEWS MYSELF
I'D LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TALK ABOUT SOMETHING THAT'S BEEN ON MY MIND
THE MUTANT THAT DISAPPEARED I HAVE FOUND IT !
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE, GOLIATH ! THAT GENETIC MONSTER WAS THE MOST UNSTABLE OF ALL MY COLLECTION ! IT COULDN'T POSSIBLY HAVE SURVIVED THE RIGORS OF THE CITY
BUT PRINCE ! THIS IS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE WE HAVE TO GIVE IT SERIOUS ATTENTION !
RIGHT NOW ! KNOW OF NOTHING MORE IMPORTANT THAN WHAT IS GROWING BETWEEN MY LEGS
VIOLAINE WILL BE A FEW MORE MINUTES WE HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR WOUNDED LEG BEFORE IT GETS INFECTED
THAT CLOWN IS RIGHT MY LORD. YOU CAN NOT TAKE RISKS WITH YOUR HEALTH
THOSE IDIOTS FORBADE YOU FROM USING ONE OF YOUR CLONES IN THE GAME BUT THEY DIDN'T THINK THAT I COULD ALSO USE THE SAME TRICK


I LEFT AS SOON AS I COULD, LEAVING THIS NOBLE REPLICA TO LOOK AFTER YOUR SLUMBERS
THOSE BUFFOONS DIDN'T HAVE THE SLIGHTEST SUSPICION!
IT WAS EASY TO FIND THE HUNTERS
THIS PUPPET DID A VERY GOOD JOB THIS EVENING, BUT WE DON'T NEED IT ANYMORE
COME ON GET INTO BED
HAVE ANALYZED THE RAIN WATER, YOUR EXCELLENCY! THE RATE OF ACIDITY HAS SURPASSED THE TOLERANCE LEVEL!
IF IT GOES ANY HIGHER THE STEEL PLATES THAT COVER THE PALACE WILL NOT SUFFICE TO PROTECT US ANYMORE!
MY TEAM IS WORKING HARD TO LOOK FOR A MORE RESISTANT ALLOY
SOMETHING LIKE THE METAL THAT PROTECTS THE CHURCH OF MONTMARTRE AND MY COUSIN MALIK'S LOCOMOTIVE!
YES, MY LORD BUT THE DUKE HAS ALWAYS WANTED TO KEEP HIS FORMULA A SECRET!
BUT ARE YOU WOUNDED?


IT'S NOTHING REALLY PROFESSOR JUST A SCRATCH
LET ME SEE THIS
IT'S AS FEARED THE FEMUR HAS BEEN NICKED BY THE ARROW WE COULD FIX IT WITH SOME SILICONE BUT YOU WOULD HAVE TO STAY IN BED FOR TWO OR THREE DAYS.
I WILL GIVE YOU A SHOT OF TEN MILLIGRAMS OF MORPHOPENTASULFAMIDIA WHICH WILL DESENSITIZE THE WHOLE LEG DURING THE OPERATION..
I THINK AN AMPUTATION WOULD BE A BETTER SOLUTION
YOU ARE THE SPECIALIST!
YOU WILL FEEL ALMOST NOTHING, A FEW PIN-PRICKS PERHAPS.
I AM NOT A SOPPY!
THEN WE WILL PERFORM A STANDARD EXCHANGE PROCEDURE
WHICH LEG, PROFESSOR RIGHT OR LEFT?
THE RIGHT LEG, OF COURSE. THIS PROCEDURE WILL TAKE ALL OF TEN MINUTES AND TOMORROW YOU WILL BE ABLE TO RUN AROUND AS IF NOTHING HAD HAPPENED!
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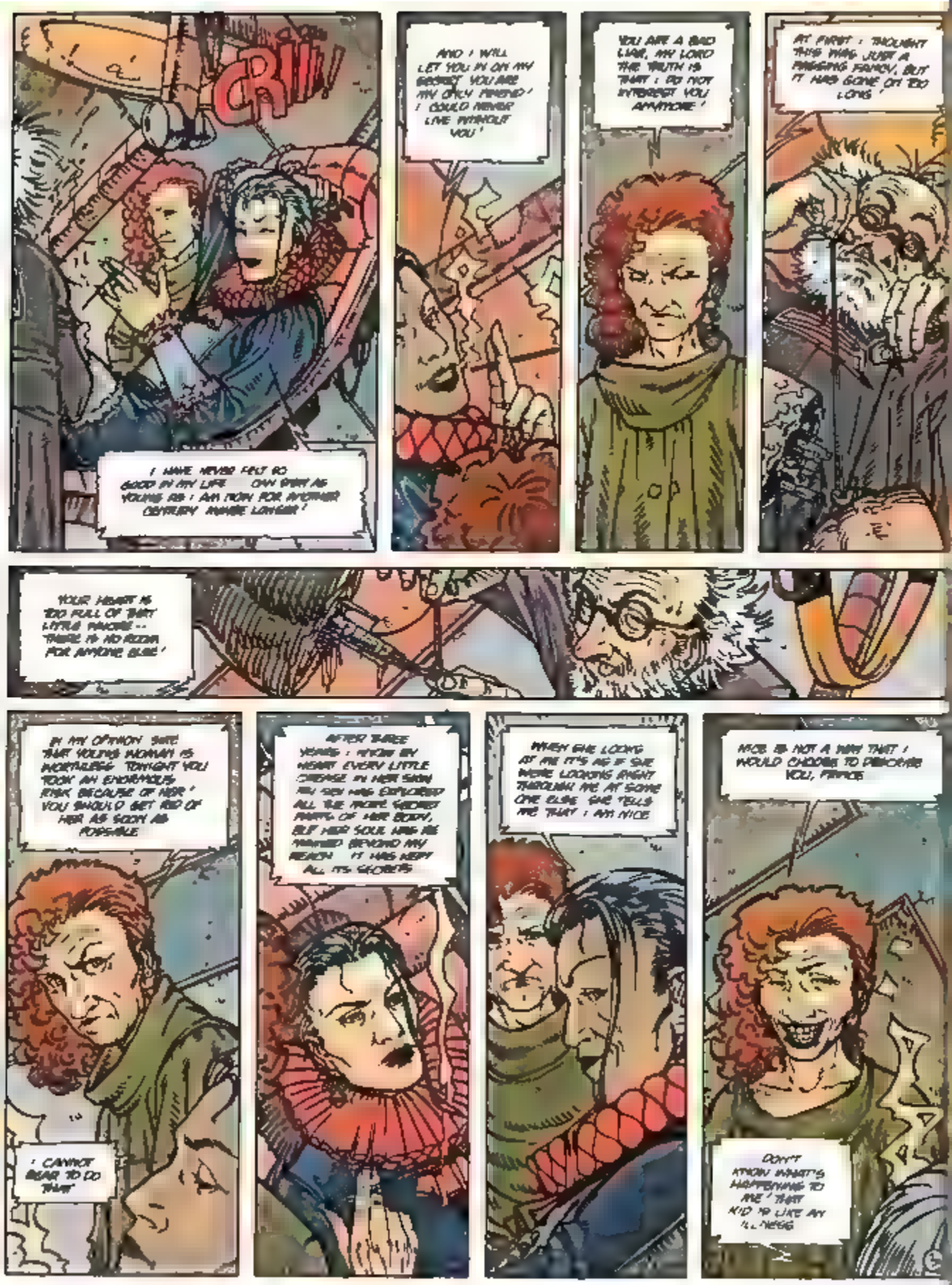
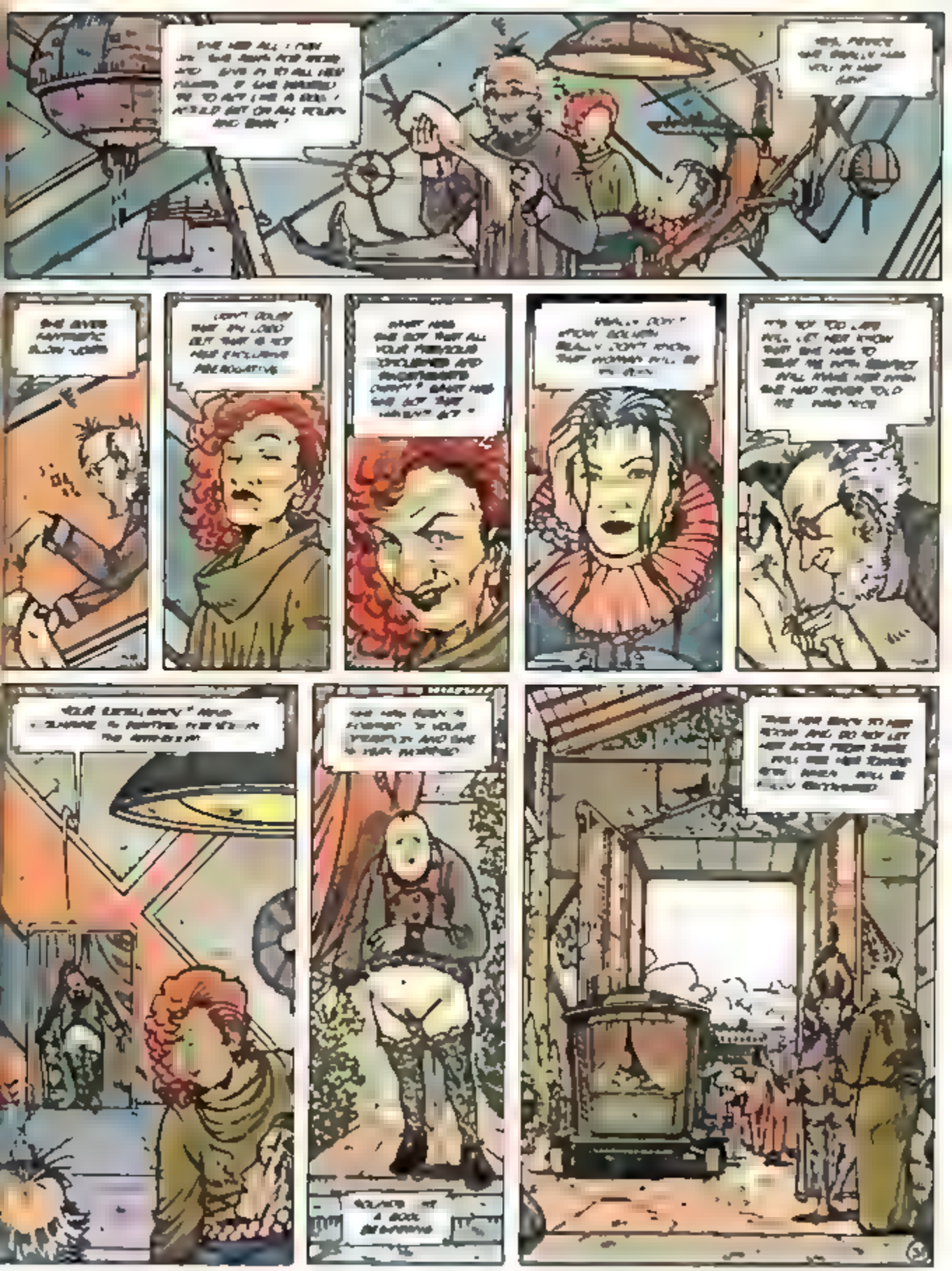
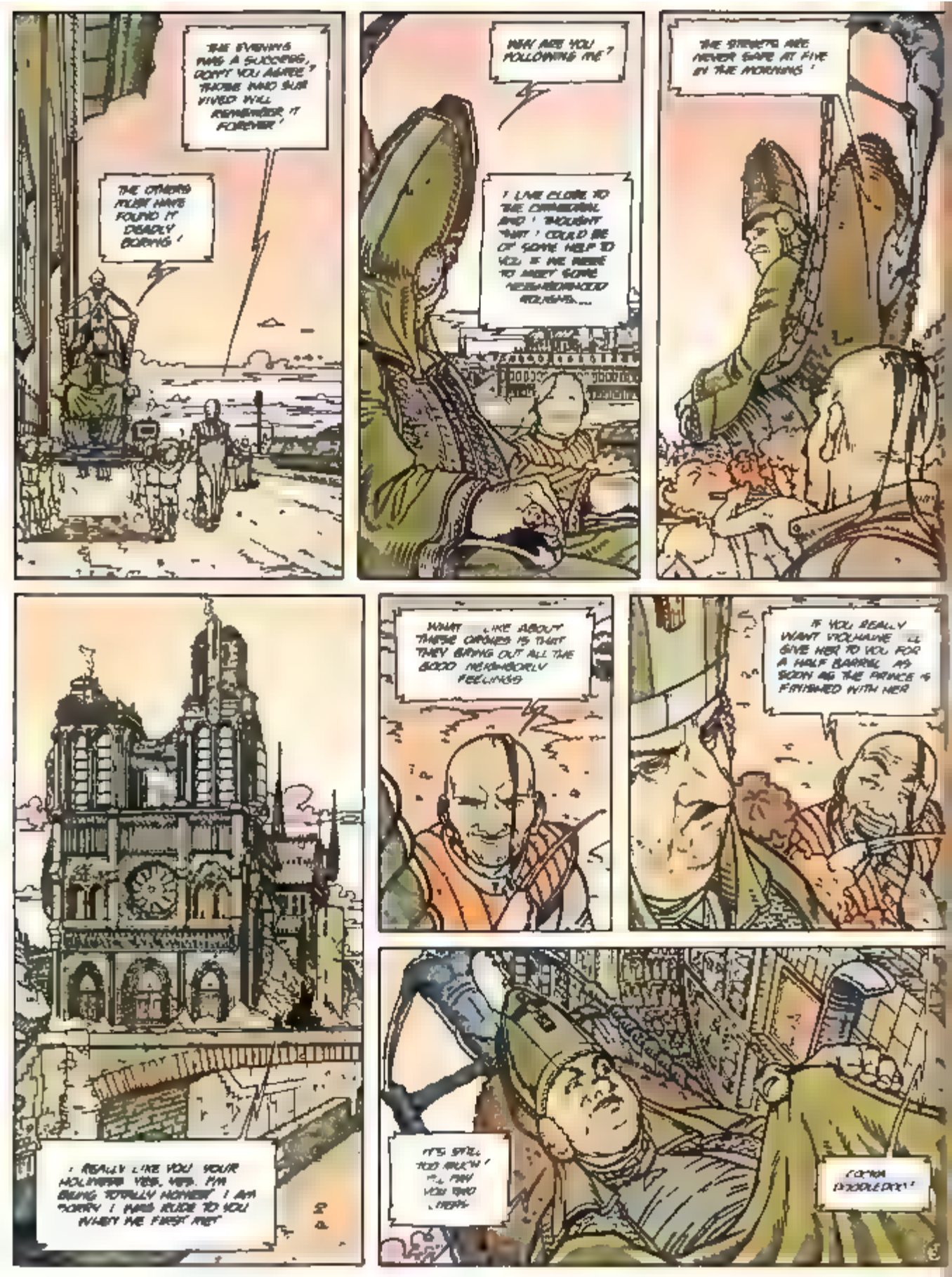
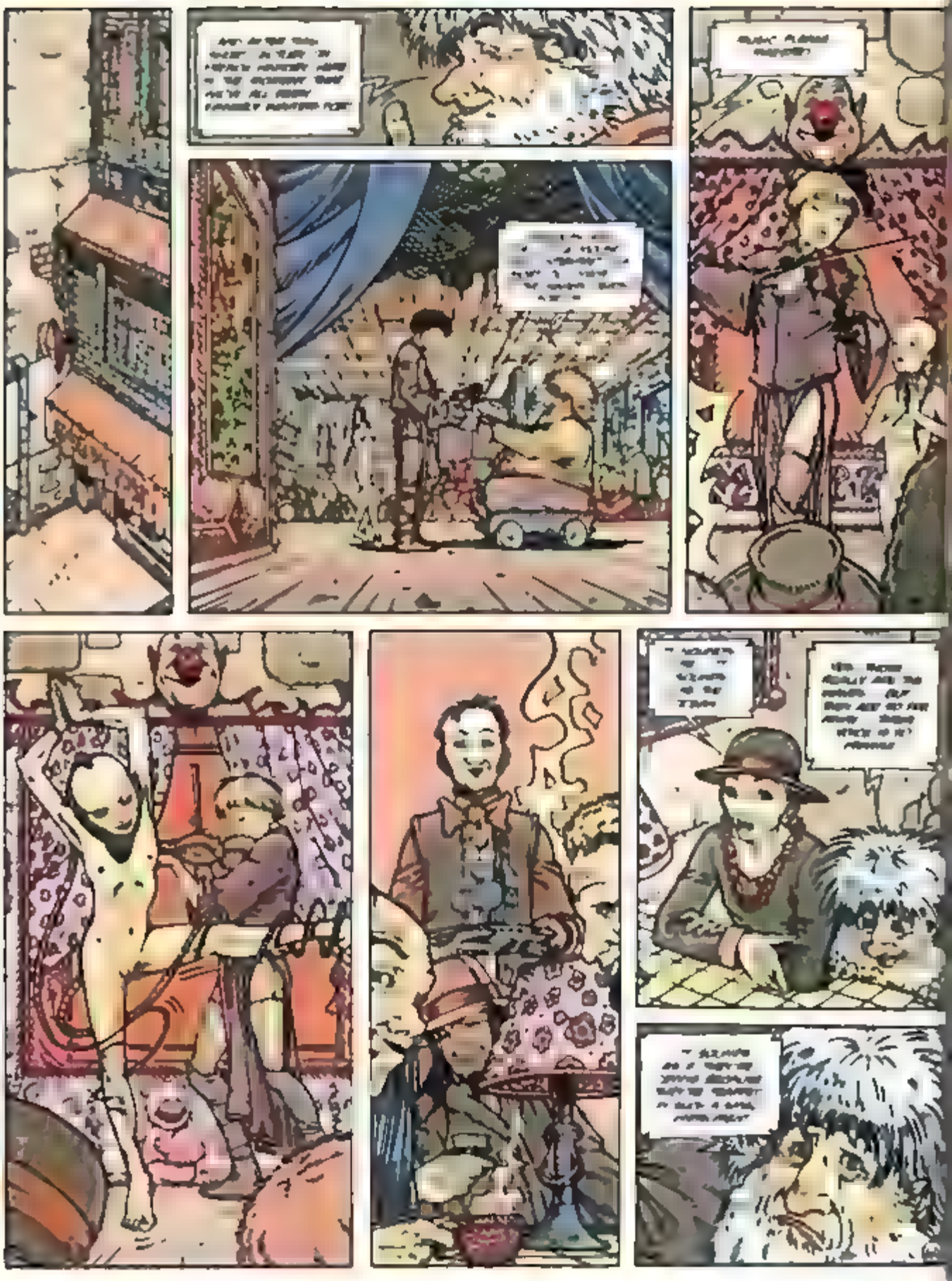
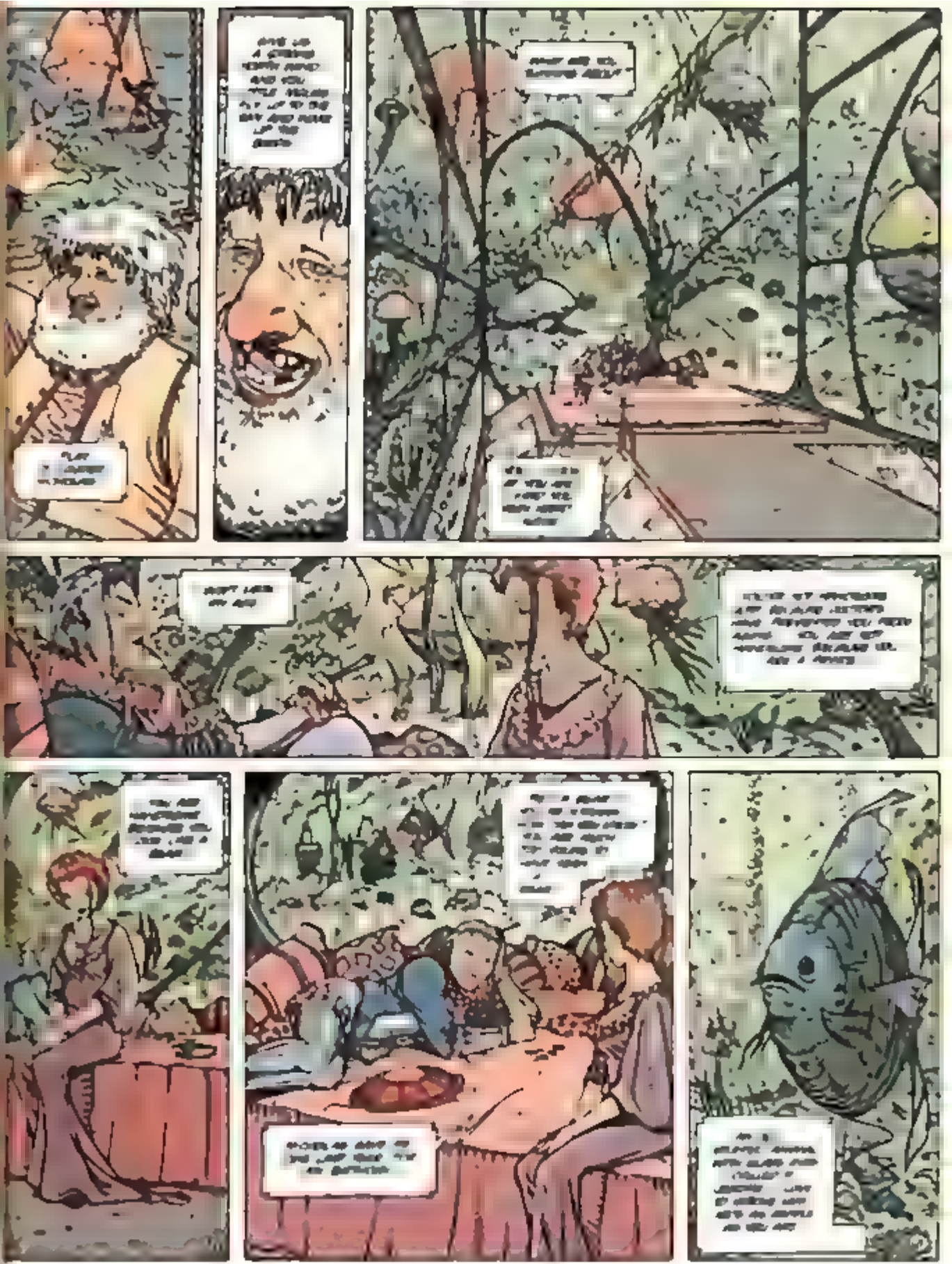

CRII!
I HAVE NEVER FELT SO GOOD IN MY LIFE... OWN WHEN AS YOUNG AS I AM NOW FOR ANOTHER CENTURY MAYBE LONGER!
AND I WILL LET YOU IN ON MY SECRET YOU ARE MY ONLY FRIEND! I COULD NEVER LIVE WITHOUT YOU!
YOU ARE A BAD LIAR, MY LORD THE TRUTH IS THAT I DO NOT INTEREST YOU ANYMORE!
AT FIRST I THOUGHT THIS WAS JUST A PASSING FANCY, BUT IT HAS GONE ON TOO LONG!
YOUR HEART IS TOO FULL OF THAT LITTLE WHORE -- THERE IS NO ROOM FOR ANYONE ELSE!
IN MY OPINION SHE'S THAT YOUNG WOMAN IS WORTHLESS! TONIGHT YOU TOOK AN ENORMOUS RISK BECAUSE OF HER! YOU SHOULD GET RID OF HER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
I CANNOT BEAR TO DO THAT
AFTER THREE YEARS I KNOW BY HEART EVERY LITTLE CREASE IN HER SKIN MY EYES HAS EXPLORED ALL THE MOST SECRET PARTS OF HER BODY, BUT HER SOUL WAS BE WARNED BEYOND MY REACH IT HAS KEPT ALL ITS SECRETS
WHEN SHE LOOKS AT ME IT'S AS IF SHE WERE LOOKING RIGHT THROUGH ME AT SOME ONE ELSE SHE TELLS ME THAT I AM NICE
MOB IS NOT A WAY THAT I WOULD CHOOSE TO DEMONISE YOU, PRINCE
DON'T KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME! THAT KID IS LIKE AN ILLNESS

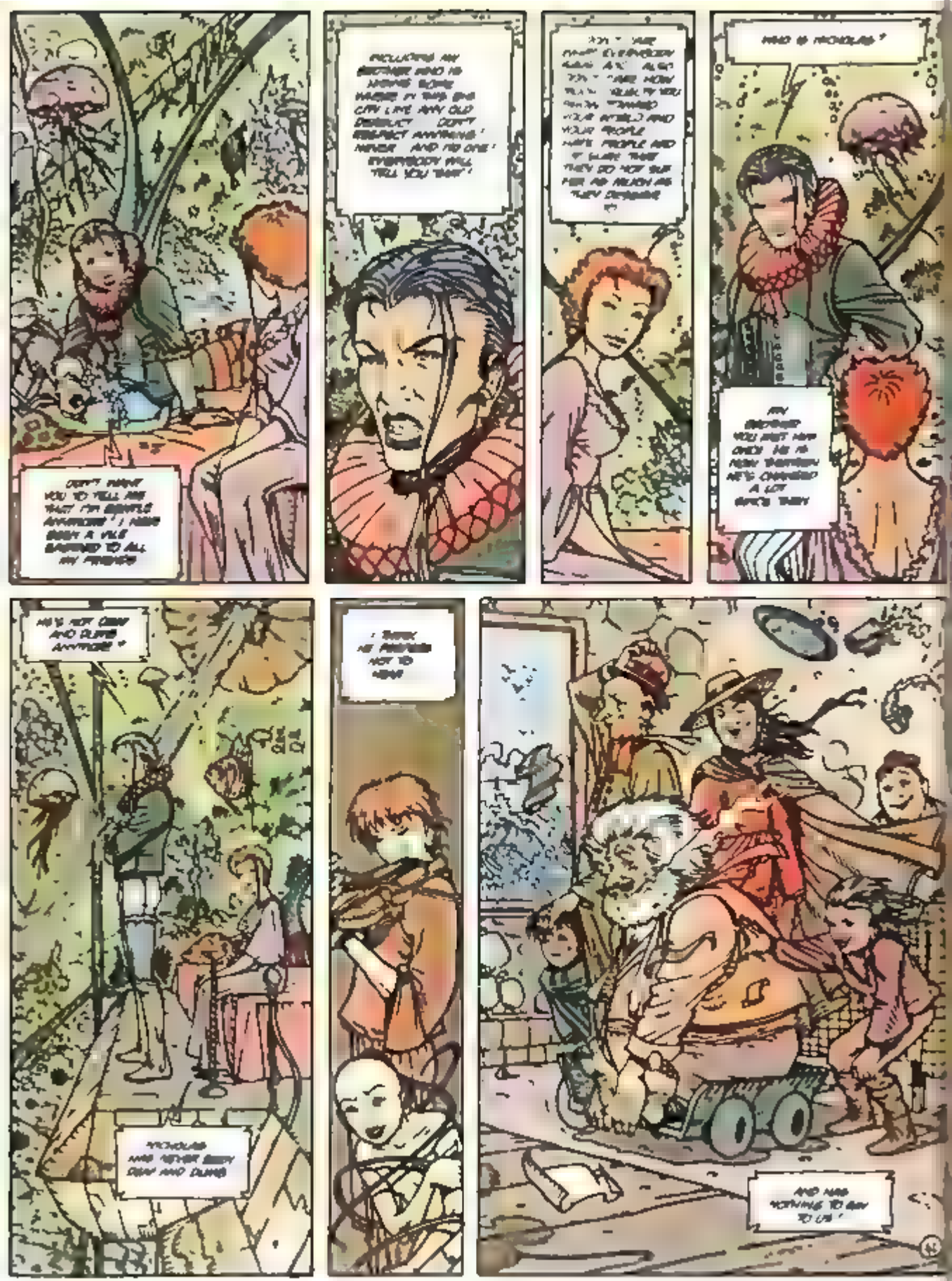


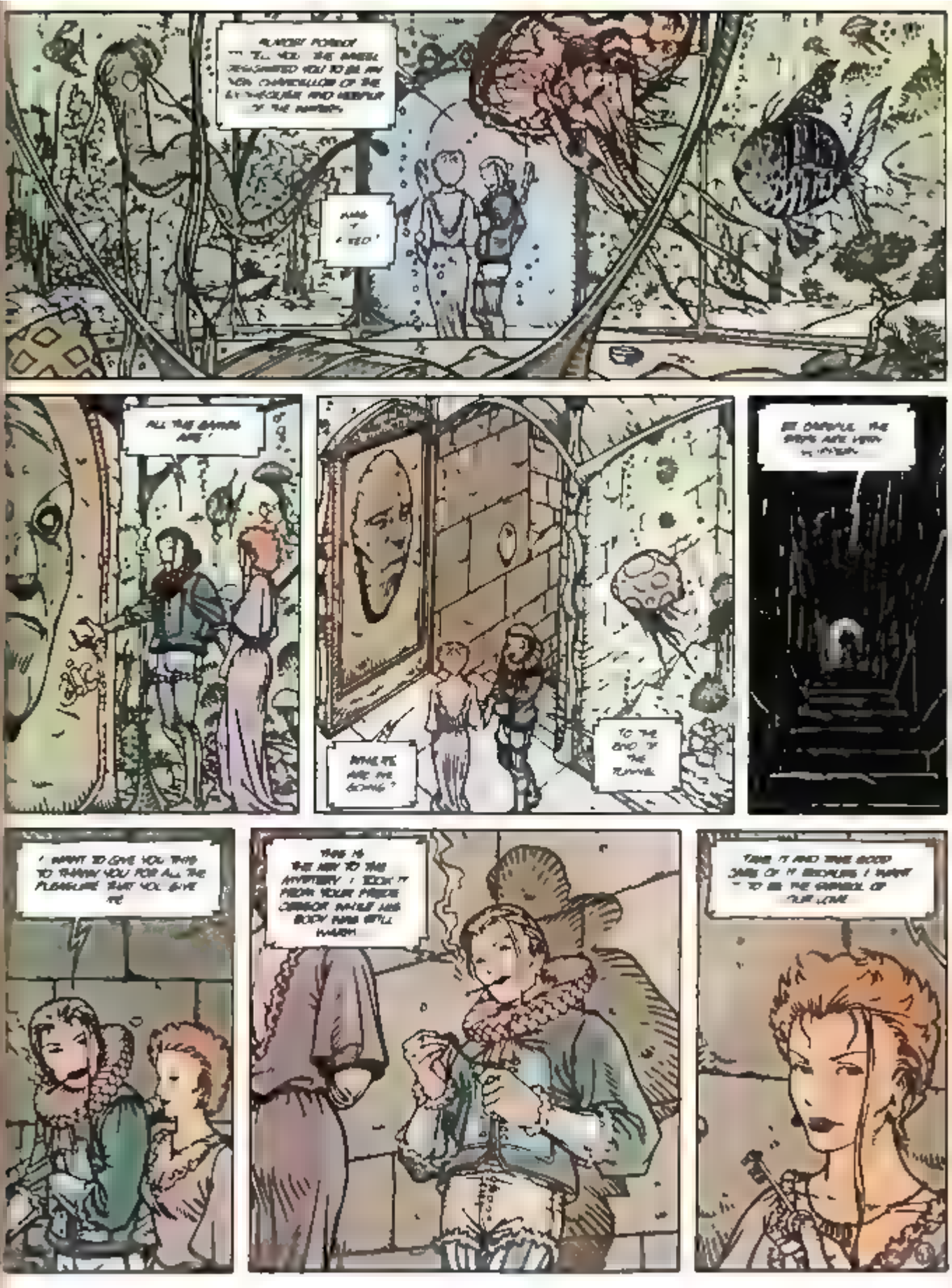

THE EVENING WAS A SUCCESS, DON'T YOU AGREE? THOSE WHO SURVIVED WILL REMEMBER IT FOREVER
THE OTHERS MUST HAVE FOUND IT DEADLY BORING!
WHY ARE YOU FOLLOWING ME?
I LIVE CLOSE TO THE CATHEDRAL AND I THOUGHT THAT I COULD BE OF SOME HELP TO YOU IF WE WERE TO MEET SOME NEIGHBORHOOD ROUGHS...
THE STREETS ARE NEVER SAFE AT FIVE IN THE MORNING!
I REALLY LIKE YOU YOUR HOLINESS. YES, YES, I'M BEING TOTALLY HONEST. I AM SORRY I WAS RUDE TO YOU WHEN WE FIRST MET
WHAT I LIKE ABOUT THESE CATHEDRALS IS THAT THEY BRING OUT ALL THE GOOD NEIGHBORLY FEELINGS!
IF YOU REALLY WANT YOUR WIFE I'LL GIVE HER TO YOU FOR A HALF BARREL AS SOON AS THE PRINCE IS FINISHED WITH HER
IT'S STILL TOO MUCH! I'LL PAY YOU TWO LIRE!
CONNA DOODLEDOO!

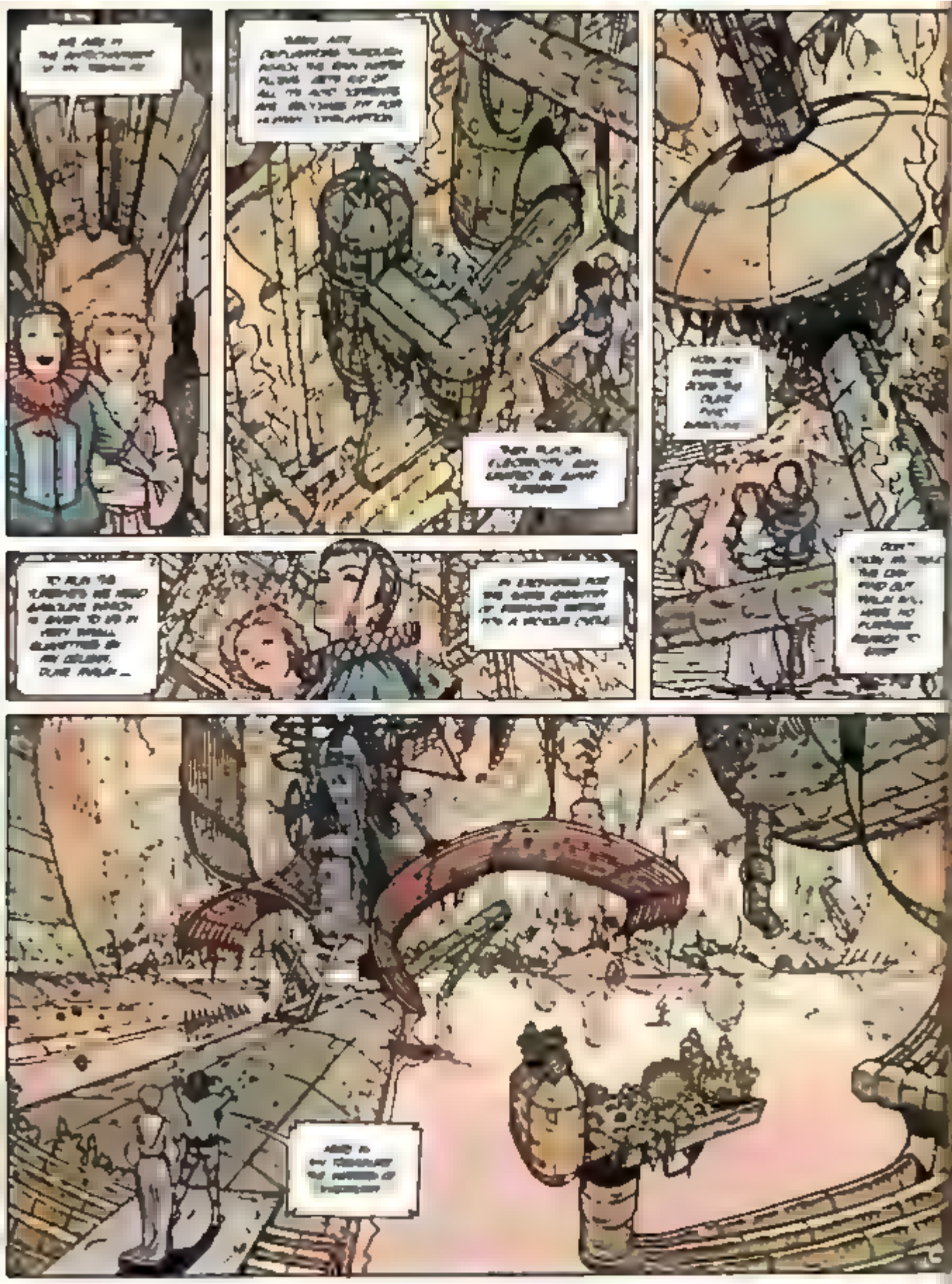
COCKADOODLEDOO!!
I AM GOD'S VOICE!
GOD IS SPEAKING THROUGH ME!
COCKADOODLE DOO!!
HE IS THE ONE THAT'S MAD AND HAS NO BRAIN. AND HE'S GONNA TO BE SURROUNDED BY BIGGER CLOUDS AND ANOTHER WILL SEE HIM WILL RECOGNIZE HIM EVEN THOUGH HAD CHANGE HIM AGAIN AND WILL HIM
HE DOES HAS EVIL WILL WAY! HE DOES HAS GOOD WILL HEART! GOD IS REMOVED HIS WEAPONS AND WILL RETURN ALL OF YOU TO HEAVEN! YOU CAN HOLD ONTO YOUR WEAPONS AND THINGS FIGHTING AND HATING EACH OTHER! BUT HE'S WAITING NOW WHEN YOU HOLD ON THEY WILL SOON ALL BE GONE!
THE PEOPLE OF THE EARTH ARE LAUGHIT THEIR HATE IS IN THE EARTH IS OPEN THE E... AND SWIFT AND THE OCEAN IS LOST
BUT THERE IS STILL HOPE
YOU REVOLTING OLD BEEP! DON'T WANT ANYONE TO TREAD ON MY TURF!
I HAVE SAVED IT! VALE OF WOE AGAIN! THE NEW HEAVENLY BAND IS HIDDEN AWAITING US! WE IS THE KEY OF THE PLANETS OF THE CLOUDS!
YOU ARE VIOLATING MY TERRITORY AND WILL PUNISH YOU
THE DAY HE WILL WALK OVER OUR FLEETED POWERS AND HE WILL BUILD A NEW KINGDOM FOR THOSE WHO STILL BELIEVE IN HIM

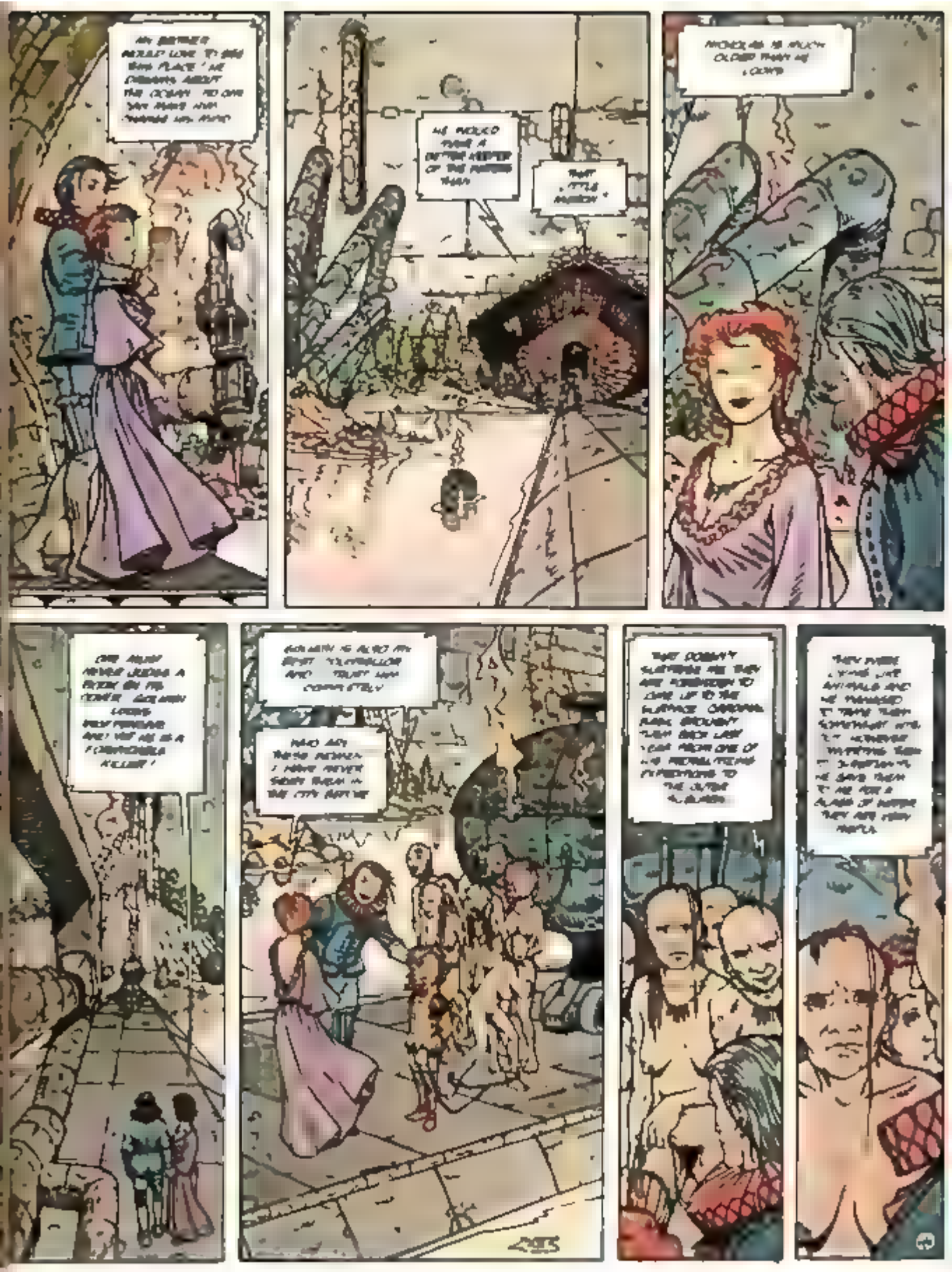


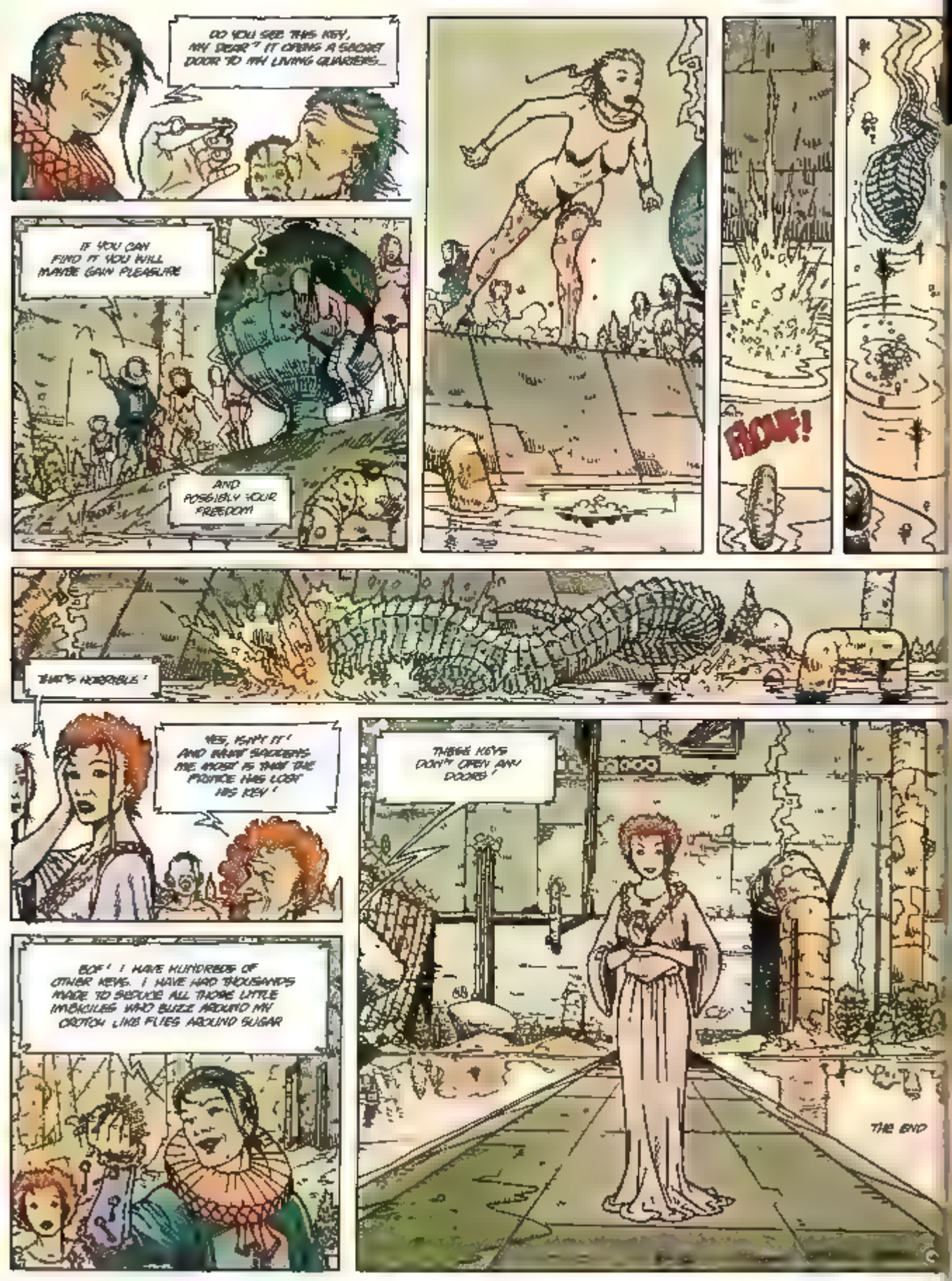



DON'T MAKE YOU TO TELL ME THAT I'M GENTLE ANYMORE ! I HAVE BEEN A VILE BASTARD TO ALL MY FRIENDS
REGARDING MY BROTHER AND HE WORKS SOME MAGIC IN THIS BIG CITY LIKE ANY OLD DERELICT DON'T EXPECT ANYTHING ! NEVER AND NO ONE ! EVERYBODY WILL TELL YOU THAT !
YOU ' VE MADE ENEMIES AND YOUR PEOPLE HATE PEOPLE AND IT SEEMS THAT THEY DO NOT SUE FOR AS MUCH AS THEY
WHO IS NICHOLAS ?
MY BROTHER YOU MET HIM ONCE HE IS NOW DIFFERENT HE'S CHANGED A LOT SINCE THEN
HE'S NOT CRAY AND DUMB ANYMORE !
NICHOLAS HAS NEVER BEEN CRAY AND DUMB
I THINK HE PREFERS NOT TO KNOW
AND HAS NOTHING TO SAY TO US !


ALMOST FORGOT ... TO YOU THE BARON ASSIGNED YOU TO BE MY VERY CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER AND KEEPER OF THE MARSH
AWE-SOME !
ALL THE BARON HAS
TO THE END OF THE TUNNEL
BE CAREFUL, THE STEPS ARE VERY SLIPPERY
I WANT TO GIVE YOU THIS TO THANK YOU FOR ALL THE PLEASURE THAT YOU GIVE ME
THIS IS THE KEY TO THE MYSTERY ! TOOK IT FROM YOUR FRIEND CHARLOT WHILST HIS BODY WAS STILL WARM
TAKE IT AND TAKE GOOD CARE OF IT BECAUSE I WANT TO BE THE CARRIER OF YOUR LOVE




HE WOULD HAVE A BETTER KEEPER OF THE PASSING YEARS
THAT LITTLE MARVEL
HE LOOKED MUCH OLDER THAN HE LOOKS
ONE MIGHT NEVER GUESS A PEEK OR TWO
AND THAT HE IS A FORMIDABLE KILLER!
HE ALSO IS ALSO AN EXPERT TOXICOLOGIST AND TRUST HIM COMPLETELY
WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE? I HAVE NEVER SEEN THEM IN THE CITY BEFORE
THAT DOESN'T SURPRISE ME THEY ARE FORBIDDEN TO COME UP TO THE SURFACE DURING FULL DAYLIGHT THEY BACK LAST YEAR FROM ONE OF THE PERIPHERIC EXPEDITIONS TO THE OUTER PLANETS
THEY WERE LIVING LIKE ANIMALS AND HE MANAGED TO TAME THEM SOMEWHAT WITH


DO YOU SEE THIS KEY, MY DEAR ? IT OPENS A SECRET DOOR TO MY LIVING QUARTERS...
IF YOU CAN FIND IT YOU WILL MAYBE GAIN PLEASURE
AND POSSIBLY YOUR FREEDOM
ROUF!
THAT'S HORRIBLE !
YES, ISN'T IT ! AND WHAT SADDENS ME MOST IS THAT THE PRINCE HAS LOST HIS KEY !
THESE KEYS DON'T OPEN ANY DOORS !
ROF ! I HAVE HUNDREDS OF OTHER KEYS. I HAVE HAD THOUSANDS MADE TO SEDUCE ALL THOSE LITTLE IMBECILES WHO BUZZ AROUND MY CROTCH LIKE FLIES AROUND SUGAR
THE END

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—LIVE FROM KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN!—IT'S "THE NASH RAMBLE SHOW" AND NOW—HEEEERE'S NASH!!
CLAP!CLAP!CLAP!!
—GOOD EVENING, AMERICA! WE'RE ON LOCATION ALL THIS WEEK FROM THE SITE OF CASTLECORP'S 20TH ANNUAL "MISS RUBI FIELDS PAGEANT"!—
—RUBI FIELDS!—A SUPERSTAR IN HER OWN TIME AND A LEGEND TODAY! HER DEATH BY SUICIDE TWENTY-ONE YEARS AGO THIS WEEK BROUGHT HER CAREER TO A TRAGIC END... YET, OVER THE YEARS AMERICA'S FASCINATION WITH HER HAS GROWN TO THE POINT OF MASS HYSTERIA!
...HER IMAGE BOMBARDS US DAILY—IN MAGAZINES, TABLOIDS, MOVIES, ADVERTISING! HER TWENTY-ONE MOVIES ARE SHOWN CONSTANTLY ON MANY TELEVISION
ELVIS LIVES
ENDLESS RUMORS ABOUT RUBI'S FATE ABOUND—THAT SHE WAS MURDERED BY THE WORLDWIDE BOLSHEVIK CONSPIRACY!—OR KIDNAPPED BY MARTIANS!—OR THAT SHE FELL VICTIM TO EVIL MIND CONTROL EXPERIMENTS AND IS NOW LIVING IN BULGARIA
KENNEDY in 1984!
NOW SHOWING RUBI FIELDS in I WAS A TEENAGE SEX SLAVE!"
ATOMIC SPRINGS HOTEL
JOHN SABLJIĆ and MICHAEL CHERKAS © 1980

HAS THIS NATIONAL OBSESSION GONE TOO FAR? AND IS "THE RUBY FIELDS PAGEANT" AN EVENT THAT IS FUELING A FIRE ALREADY OUT OF CONTROL?...
.. TODAY, WE'LL BE SPEAKING WITH THREE ENTRANTS IN THIS YEAR'S PAGEANT. OUR FIRST GUEST IS MISS DUSTY RHODES OF BEACON CITY! LET'S GIVE HER A WARM KALAMAZOO WELCOME! CLAP! CLAP! CLAP!
-WHY THANK YOU, NASH! TEEHEE! YOU KNOW -ALE-ACE BAILEY HE'S MY BOYFRIEND--WE WATCH YOUR SHOW TWICE A DAY! -
REGISTRATION
LOOK AT THIS! STALIN'S GOING TO BE ONE HUNDRED AND FIVE THIS YEAR! THOSE GEORGIANS.. SURE DO LIVE A LONG TIME...
-DUSTY, SOME PEOPLE THINK..
.. AMERICA SHOULD BE DEALING WITH REAL PROBLEMS..
!? APRIL?
ARGOS SIGN GILCHRIST
ARGOS WILL DOMINATE
2.

...RATHER THAN CHOOSING A RUBI FIELDS LOOK-A-LIKE, HOW DO YOU ANSWER SUCH CRITICISM?—
APRIL! WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?
OH. HELLO ACE—
-SO KOVALESKY HAS YOU COVERING THE PAGEANT, EH? WHERE'S YOUR LOFTY IDEALISM THIS WEEK?
I'VE GOT TO EAT TOO, YOU KNOW.
-WELL, NASH, IF RUBI ISN'T IMPORTANT, HOW COME EVERYONE IS TALKING ABOUT HER?—
-OH, OF COURSE DIZZY MISS DUSTY HOW COULD I FORGET THE 2-TO-1 FAVORITE TO WIN IT ALL?
I LOVE IT WHEN YOU'RE JEALOUS—
--WHAT ABOUT UNEMPLOYMENT, CRIME, POLITICAL CORRUPTION, THE CUBAN CONFLICT
-JEALOUS? OF WHAT?!
YOU MUST REALLY BE IN THE DOGHOUSE TO RATE THIS.
AT LEAST I'M BEING PAID TO CHASE AFTER THESE AIRHEADS. WHAT'S YOUR EXCUSE?
I'M WITH DUSTY. SHE'S IN THE PAGEANT FINALS TOMORROW-
-YOU KNOW, NASH, I VISITED THE NEWEST RUBI FIELDS WAX MUSEUM TODAY
C'MON APRIL, DROP THE ACT. WE BOTH KNOW YOU'RE CRAZY ABOUT—?
A.E. I DON'T KNOW WHERE
3

I THINK PEOPLE WITH PROBLEMS SHOULD GO THERE —
APRIL, ISN'T THAT NOR WINNE OVER THERE?
?!
—TO THE WAX MUSEUM?—
I'D BETTER MAKE SURE ABOUT THIS!
—OH YES! RUBI IS POSED IN FAMOUS SCENES FROM HER MOVIES!..
—AND IF YOU PRESS THIS CUTE LITTLE BUTTON YOU CAN HEAR HER SPEAKING! IT'S SO REAL!—
HEY, MISTER! YOU WANT IT TO BUY RUBI FIELDS WIG?
WHAT?!
—SO IN YOUR OPINION RUBI FIELDS CURES ALL?—
IS GOOD, MISTER! YOU SICK OF WIFE? YOU PUT WIG ON HER PRETENDING YOU MAKE IT LOVE WITH RUBI FIELDS!
I DON'T WANT ANY WIG!
—SHE'S GOTTEN ME WHERE I AM TODAY!—
—WHICH IS?—
IS MADE FROM REAL HAIR!—FROM BARBERSHOP! GOOD STUFF! SEE!
OUTTA MY WAY, BUDDY!
POW!
—A DAY AWAY FROM BEING MISS RUB. FIELDS 1985!
HA! HA! IS RUB. FIELDS WIG LADY! YOU PUT ON AND MEN MAKE IT LOVE TO YOU!
?!?
NOW WHERE'D HE GO?!
4

THE NEXT DAY..
I COULD HAVE SWORN IT WAS WYNNE--
--WIN? OF COURSE I'LL WIN, SILLY!
... ACE. DID YOU HEAR NASH RAMBLE MAKE A PASS AT ME?
HMMM?
YOU KNOW, I SPOKE TO THAT MAN FROM THE AGENCY TODAY..
HM-HMM
.. HE SAID AS SOON AS I'M CROWNED "MISS RUBI FIELDS" HE'S GONNA GIVE ME A FIVE PICTURE CONTRACT WITH
VIDEO!..
HERMAN GERMAN
MY FIRST MOVIE'S GONNA BE A 3D REMAKE OF "THE BLONDE BIMBO'S--OOOOOH! I'M SO EXCITED"
--HM-HMM--
WELL ACE! LET'S GET GOING
--HMM? DUSTY?
HOW DO I LOOK?

WHO NEED'S A PAIR? YEAH YOU YA NEED A PAIR!
...AH DEEZ AND GENTLEMEN! BOYS AND GIRLS!!!...
MOM? WERE YOU REALLY MISS RUBI FIELDS 1954?
WE ARE DOWN TO OUR TEN FINALISTS!
WHICH OF THESE LOVELY AND TALENTED LADIES...
PSSST I BET FIVE DOLLARS ON MARY D'ANGELO.
THE GIRL FROM BRAMALEA?
...WILL BE CASTLECORP'S "MISS RUBI FIELDS" FOR 1954?
THEY'RE ALL SO SCRUMPTIOUS LOOKING! I COULD EAT THEM ALL UP!
I WISH IT WAS ALL CASH INSTEAD OF PRIZES
RUBI
JOOOO?--
AAAAH!-
GORGEOUS!
I COULD SELL THE CAR EASY ENOUGH...
AND THE TRIP TO CROATIA CAN BE CASHED IN..
6.

-OUR FIRST RUNNER-UP- MISS CAROLINE LUMLEY!
...THE CUBAN CIGARS...
...THE THIRD RUNNER UP- MISS DORIS FOSTER!
OHMYJUMY!!
...I'LL GIVE TO ACE!
...OUR SECOND RUNNER-UP- MISS MARY D'ANGELO!-
YIPPEEE!
HE'LL LIKE THAT!
OHDEARME! -SOB-
-AND NOW OUR FIRST RUNNER-UP...
C'MON, C'MON! THESE HEELS ARE KILLING ME!
MISS DUSTY RHODES!
OF COURSE THE MINK COAT, I'LL -
?!
WHAT?!
HERE SHE IS - THE ONE WE ADORE! THE ONE WE'VE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR! SO YOUNG - SO SEXY - AND SO ALIVE! SHE'S RUBI FIELDS NINE-TEEN EIGHTY FIVE!
RUBI
1985
-AND OUR NEW QUEEN! - FROM LAS VEGAS NEVADA! - MISS SAND SHORE!!
YEEEEEEEEE!!
SHE'S ADORABLE!
IT'S A MIRACLE!
IT'S UNCANNY!
WHERE DID SHE COME FROM?
SHE'S IDENTICAL TO RUBI!
IN ADDITION TO TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS IN GOLD, OUR NEW QUEEN WILL RECEIVE A 1985 DESOTO FIRESWEEP; - A TRIP TO THE JEWEL OF THE ADRIATIC, THE EXOTIC COLORFUL CROATIA! A MINK COAT COURTESY CASTLECORP'S MINK DE VOGUE!... ONE HUNDRED FINEST COLOMBIAN COCAINE, HANDPICKE
MAYBE SHE IS RUBI FIELDS!
SHE WAS A LAST MINUTE ENTRANT!
M IN OVE!
S OF THE JUA!
7.

THE BITCH!
I'VE BEEN SWINDLED! HUMILIATED!—
—DUSTY?
—IT WAS FIXED! SHE LOOKS AS MUCH LIKE RUBI FIELDS AS—AS—AS— IVOR WYNNE DOES!
DUSTY WE'LL BE LATE FOR THE RECEPTION!
RECEPTION?! I'M NOT GOING?
BUT IF YOU DON'T GO YOU CAN'T COLLECT YOUR PRIZES FOR FINISHING SECOND
WHAT ARE THEY?
AN ATOMIC POWERED DISHWASHER—
—HMMPH!—
—AND FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS—
—GIVE ME FIVE MINUTES
THERE! THAT OUGHTA DO THE TRICK!
NOW I CAN ACCEPT IT ALL WITH DIGNITY.. >HIC!
GO EASY ON THAT STUFF BABY
ACE, CALL ME "RUBI"— JUST FOR FUN...
S.

SHORTLY...
YOU SURE YOU'RE OKAY DUSTY—I MEAN, RUBI?
JUS' FINE... OOOOOHH.
MISS SHORE IS TOO ANGULAR IN MY OPINION.
HERE COMES ACE AND HIS CURRENT INFLATABLE—THE POOR DEAR
APRIL! I HOPE YOU'VE BEEN TAKING NOTES ALL WEEK
AN INTERESTING PHENOMENON.
TOO BAD ABOUT
-DUSTY?
WHOOPS!
..YOUR GIRLFRIEND
LOOKS LIKE IT'S JUST YOU AND ME AGAIN BABY! HEH-HEH-HEH
ACE! HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL Y-
-LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!..
PRESENTING MISS SANDI SHORE "RUBI FIELDS 1985"- ACCOMPANIED BY...
I DON'T BELIEVE IT.
YEP. I THOUGHT HIS LAST SCANDAL WOULD'VE BURIED THE OLD SLEAZE MASTER FOR GOOD.
... WELL-KNOWN PHILANTHROPIST, PUBLIC SERVANT AND MAN OF THE PEOPLE THE FORMER MAYOR OF BEACON CITY- MR. IVOR WYNNE!
SMILE SANDI!
HI! WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS?!

AND NOW HE'S ATTACHED HIMSELF TO THE NEW 'RUBI FIELDS PAGEANT WINNER -- WHY?
ACE! -
THEY'RE COMING OVER HERE?
THE OLD GRAFTER NEVER DOES ANYTHING WITHOUT A GUARANTEED PAY-BACK
-ACE BAILEY! AND THE LOVELY MISS VALENTINE! HOW CHARMING TO SEE YOU AGAIN! WHY, JUST THE OTHER DAY, I WAS ASKING STAN KOVALESKY ABOUT YOU TWO!
HUH?
KOVALESKY?
FORGIVE ME ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE 'MISS RUBI FIELDS, MISS" -- SANDI SHORE!
A PLEASURE.
I FEEL I KNOW YOU ALREADY, MR BAILEY!
THE RESEMBLANCE IS INCREDIBLE!
PLEASE, CALL ME ACE
THE VOICE THE MANNERISMS... IT'S ALL PERFECT --
-MISS VALENTINE? THERE IS A LONG DISTANCE CALL FOR YOU FOLLOW ME PLEASE.
WHAT DO YOU THINK ACE?
I AGREE YOU'RE PERFECT
I'LL GO FETCH SOME DRINKS -- AND YOU WATCH YOURSELF ACE! HEH HEH!
SO - WHAT DO YOU DO?
I'M A FAMOUS MOVIE .DO.-
OH YEAH.. HEH HEH..
ISN'T SHE LOVELY?
RUBI HAD NICER GAMS.

WELL, MOVIE IDOL, WHAT DO YOU SAY TO GIVING ME AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW— JUST THE TWO OF US— OVER DINNER?
I DON'T KNOW IF I'D GO FOR THAT
WHAT IS HE? — YOUR FATHER?
HE'S.. HE'S SORT OF...A... FRIEND OF THE FAMILY...
WE COULD SET SOMETHING UP FOR NEXT WEEK
I-I DON'T THINK SO.
I'M A PRETTY INFLUENTIAL GUY— I COULD GET YOU SOME GREAT MEDIA EXPOSURE—
-I GET THE FEELING YOU'RE INTERESTED IN A DIFFERENT KIND OF EXPOSURE.
WHAT ARE YOU TIN' DOING OUT HERE?
PLOTTING YOUR DEMISE DARLING
OH. HEH-HEH... C'MON BACK INSIDE... YOUR LOYAL SUBJECTS AWAIT YOUR PLEASURE.
NOT AS MUCH AS I DO..
HMMM... I WONDER HOW DUSTY'S DOING?
HAHAHA
AND THEN SHE SAYS,
"OH, OKAY ME MAYBE"
OH, BABY BABY..
DUSTY? ARE YOU OKAY?
B-BUT I'M R-RUBI... RUBI FIELDS!— SOB!— I AM — I AM!— I AM RUBI FIELDS!
SURE THING, "RUBI"... LET'S GO THEN.
RUBI! SAY "CHEESE!"
CAN I HAVE YOUR AUTOGRAPH? — FOR MY KIDS!
THERE SHE IS— DUSTY BUDDEN! I BET A GRAND ON HER! THE BITCH!
ARE YOU REALLY RUBI FIELDS?

A FEW WEEKS LATER
CHECK OUT OUR SPECIALS!!
..ACE?—
—THIS IS DRIVING ME CRAZY APRIL! I'VE BEEN TRYING TO ARRANGE AN INTERVIEW WITH HER EVER SINCE THE PAGEANT...
..BUT SHE'S GOT MORE SECURITY THAN JIMMY HOFFA!—
—THE ONLY TYPE OF ARTICLES THEY ALLOW IS THE USUAL PABLUM CHURNED OUT BY HOLLYWOOD'S PUBLICITY HACKS!
—UH?—
PRIME
NEWSWEAK!
ANN SHORE BEAUTY SECRETS REVEALED!
ACE, YOU'D BE BETTER OFF IF YOU FORGOT ABOUT HER—
—HER ADORING PUBLIC HAS A RIGHT TO KNOW THE REAL SANDI SHORE—WHO SHE IS—AND WHERE THE HELL SHE CAME FROM.
PRIME
DO YOU REMEMBER THE PHONE CALL I RECEIVED AT THE RECEPTION?—
ACE! THERE YOU ARE!
UH-OH KOVALESKY'S ON THE WARPATH.
PRIME
LISTEN— "HOW ABOUT THAT INTERVIEW. STOP MY PLACE IN L.A. STOP. COME EARLY STOP SANDI"
STAN, I COULD KISS YOU FOR THIS!
ACE, MAYBE YOU SHOULDN'T GO.
LATER, APRIL. I'VE GOT AN AIRHEAD TO CHASE.
YEAH! THIS IS "MAN'S WORK" "HEH HEH HEH"
OKAY, FIND OUT FOR YOURSELF.
2

AHHH... "MISS FIELDS," THE REPORTER ACE BAILEY IS HERE TO SEE YOU—
THE BUXOM BIMBO RUBI FIELDS
I AM A TEENAGED SEX SLAVE
—ACE DARLING! DIVINE TO SEE YOU AGAIN!
DON'T WOULD DIE IF SHE EVER SAW THIS PLACE...
"MISS FIELDS?"
CARE FOR A SNORT? ONLY THE FINEST, COURTESY OF COLOMBIA'S OWN PANCHO VALDEZ...
SURE! THANKS.. "RUBI SAND!
CALL ME "RUB."
SNORRT!
SNIFF!
—AHHH—
...SO— HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A FAN OF RUBI'S?
I'M NOT A FAN SILLY—I AM RUBI!
YES, I KNOW YOU ARE BUT SERIOUSLY—
I AM SERIOUS DARLING!
I WOULDN'T HAVE CALLED YOU "F" I WEREN'T SERIOUS.
SHOULD I HUMOR HER?

WHISKY? CANADIAN OR SCOTCH?
MM... CANADIAN...
WHY THE ELABORATE CHARADE?
YOU THINK I'M JOKING? I'LL PROVE IT! LET ME SHOW YOU SOMETHING...
THIS IS THE JEWELERY BOX GIVEN TO ME BY JOHNNY BATTISTO BACK IN 1959...
BATTISTO?
.. BATTISTO WAS A GENTLEMAN HE KNEW HOW TO TREAT A LADY.. HE HAD THE KIND OF CLASS YOU DON'T SEE NOWADAYS.
BATTISTO WAS A MOBSTER —
—A KILLER
TO ME, JOHNNY B. WAS THE GUY WHO GOT ME MY BREAK IN HOLLYWOOD..
HOW DID YOU GET ALL OF THIS? THESE ARE ALL ARTIFACTS FROM THE RUBI FIELDS MUSEUM... THIS IS RUBI'S AMERICAN PEOPLE'S AWARD FOR 1962 —
—IT'S ALL MINE! THIS IS ALL MINE!
BUT, IF YOU WERE THE REAL RUBI YOU'D BE
.. FIFTY-FIVE YEARS OLD?!
14.

I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE PAST..
...LET'S TALK ABOUT US...
US?
..AND NO MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT WHO I REALLY AM...
...IT DOESN'T MATTER...
DOES IT?..
N-NO..
..NO
MORE
QUESTIONS
SO LET'S JUST ENJOY OURSELVES
AND
..NOT WORRY..
..ABOUT TOMORROW...
..ENJOY.
I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE PAST..
LET'S TALK ABOUT US
HERE'S TO..
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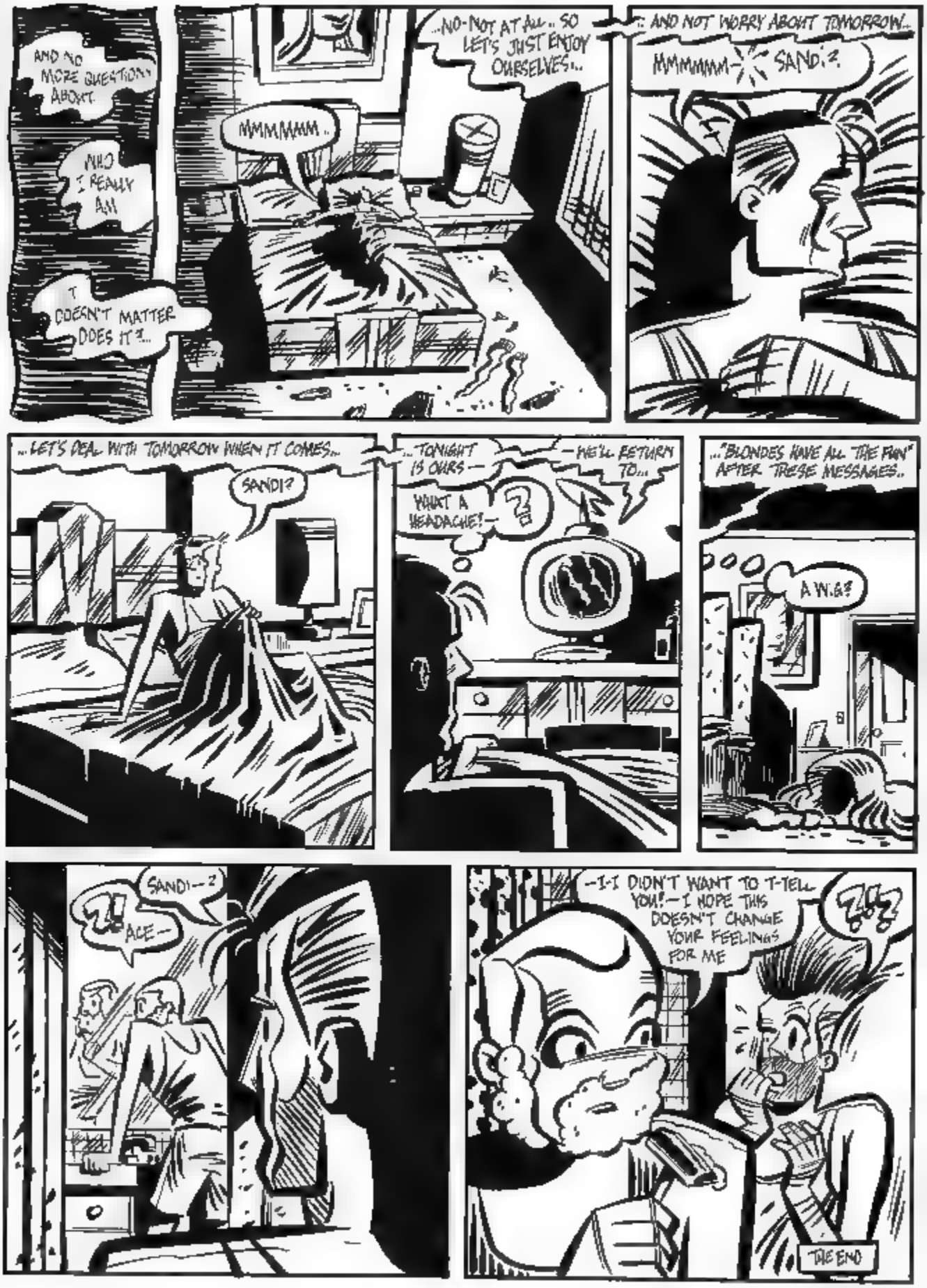
AND NO MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT
WHO I REALLY AM
IT DOESN'T MATTER DOES IT?...
MMMMMM..
..NO-NOT AT ALL.. SO LET'S JUST ENJOY OURSELVES!..
:: AND NOT WORRY ABOUT TOMORROW..
MMMMMM-
SANDI?
..LET'S DEAL WITH TOMORROW WHEN IT COMES..
SANDI?
..TONIGHT IS OURS—
—WE'LL RETURN TO...
WHAT A HEADACHE!—
..."BLONDES HAVE ALL THE FUN" AFTER THESE MESSAGES..
A.W.G?
SANDI—?
ACE—
—I-I DIDN'T WANT TO T-TELL YOU!—I HOPE THIS DOESN'T CHANGE YOUR FEELINGS FOR ME
?!?
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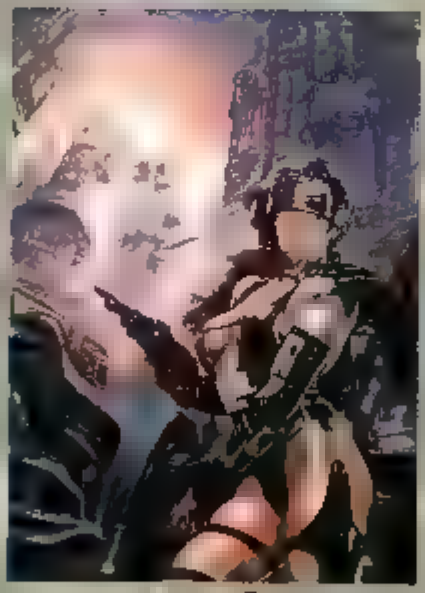

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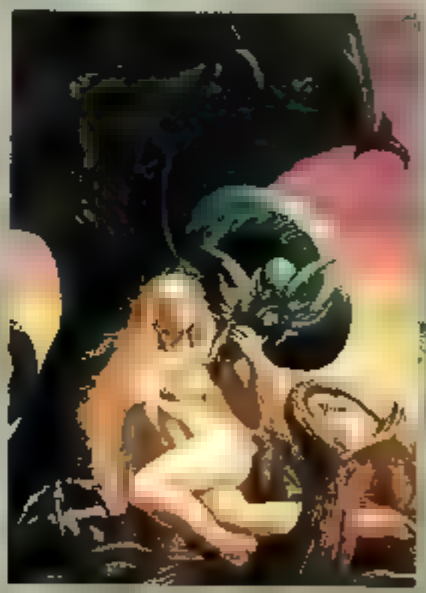

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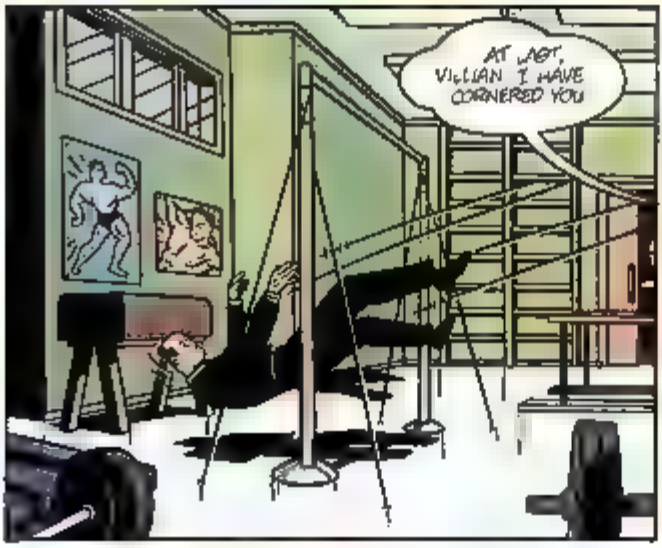
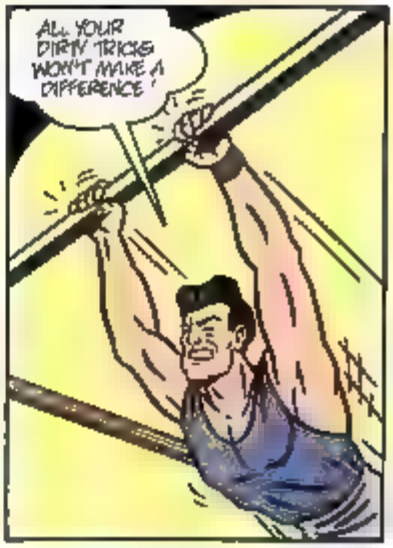
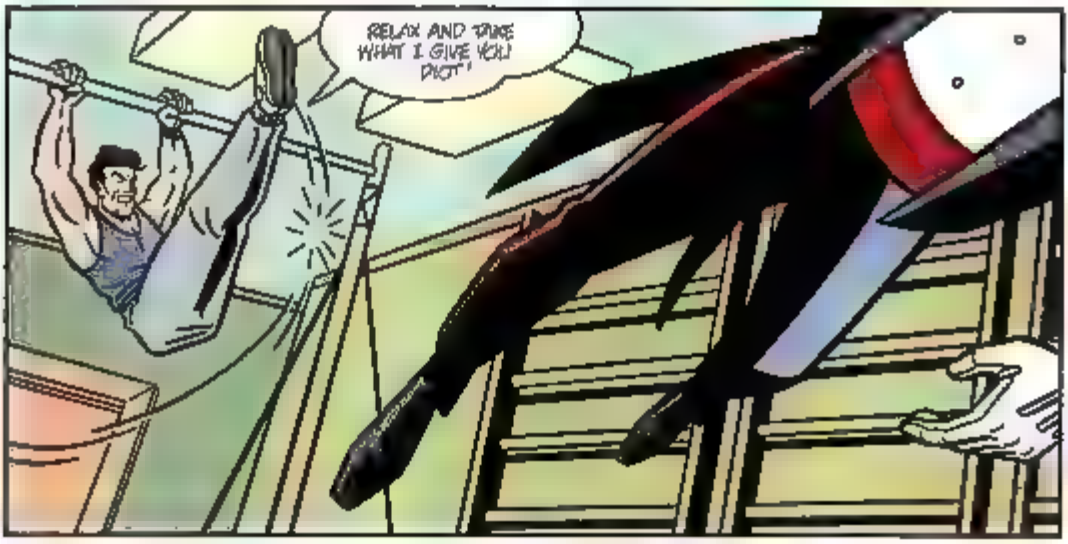
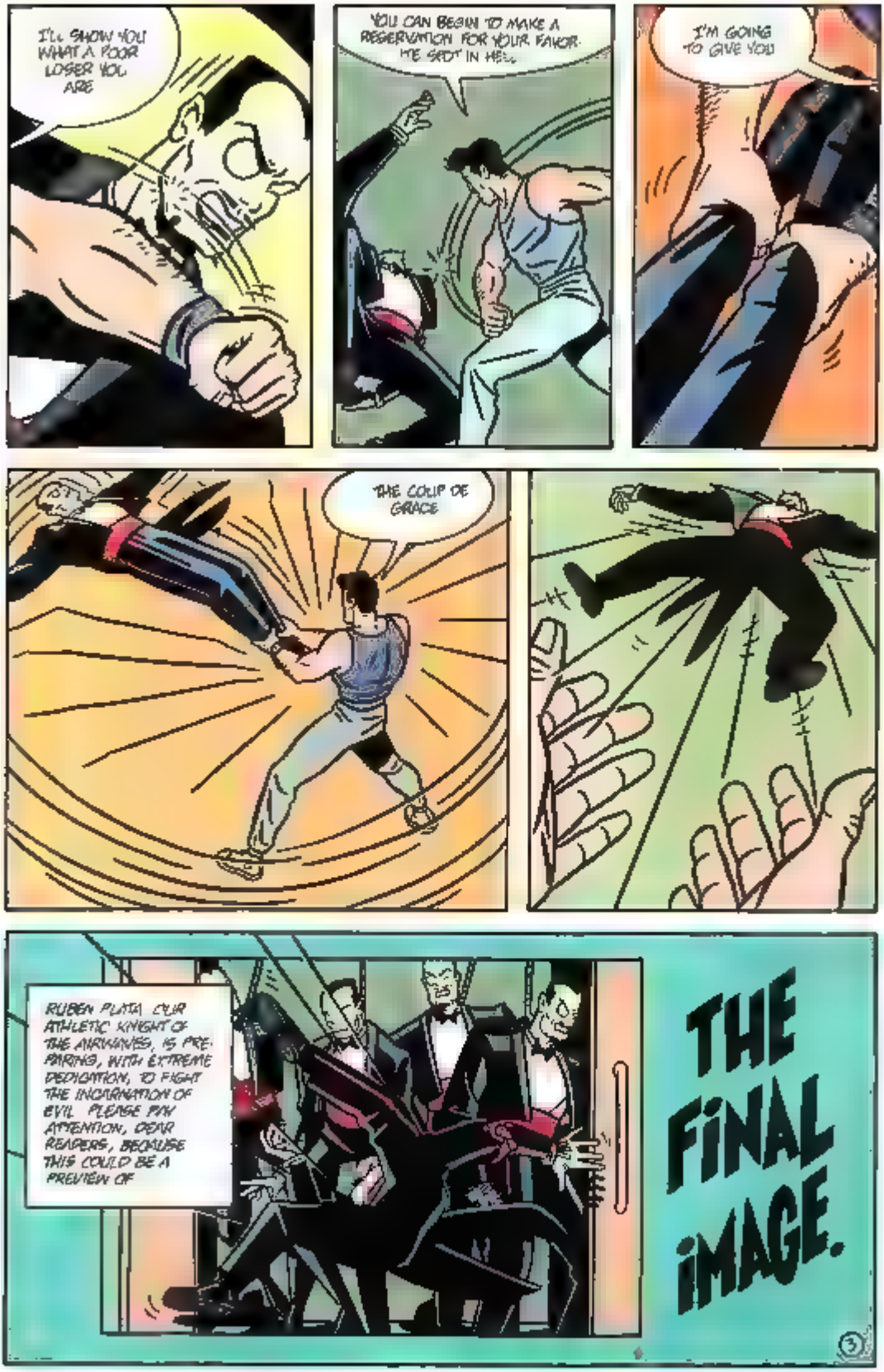

AT LAST, VILLIAN I HAVE CORNERED YOU


ALL YOUR DIRTY TRICKS WON'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

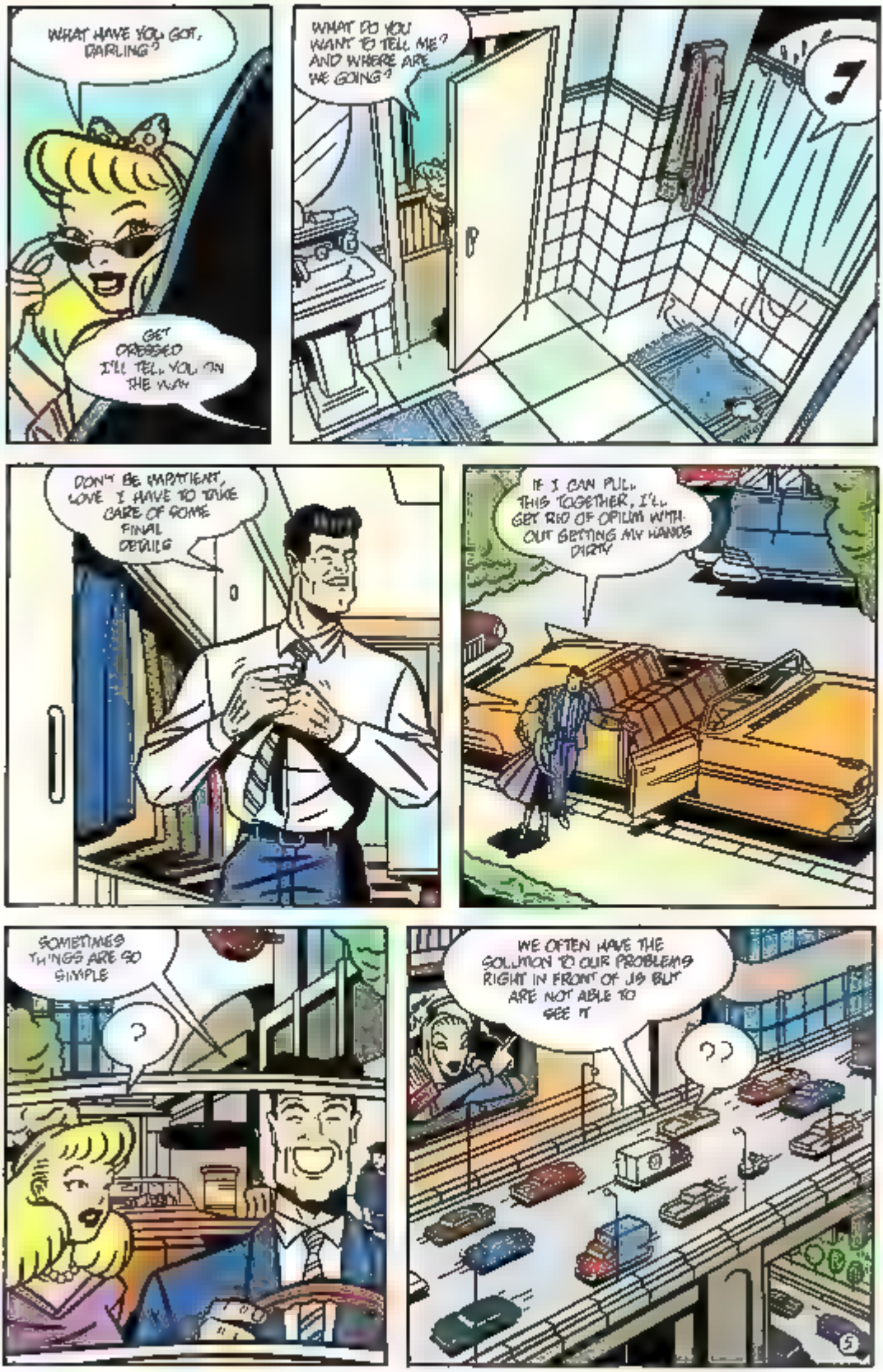

RELAX AND TAKE WHAT I GIVE YOU PIG!!

FROM NOW ON I WILL BE THE ONE TO SET THE RULES!

AND SINCE YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO BEAT ME EVER AGAIN


I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT A POOR LOSER YOU ARE
YOU CAN BEGIN TO MAKE A RESERVATION FOR YOUR FAVOR. ME SENT IN HELL
I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU
THE COUP DE GRACE
RUBEN PLATA, OUR ATHLETIC KNIGHT OF THE AIRWAVES, IS PREPARING, WITH EXTREME DEDICATION, TO FIGHT THE INCARNATION OF EVIL. PLEASE PAY ATTENTION, DEAR READERS, BECAUSE THIS COULD BE A PREVIEW OF
THE FINAL IMAGE.
3

I'M FINISHED WITH ALL OF YOU.
NOW THAT I KNOW THE WAY YOU OPERATE, I WILL FIND A WAY TO ELIMINATE YOU FOREVER!
TAKE THIS AND THIS
AND
I'VE GOT IT
MY GOD! I THINK I'VE GOT IT!


WHAT HAVE YOU GOT, DARLING?
GET DRESSED I'LL TELL YOU ON THE WAY
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO TELL ME? AND WHERE ARE WE GOING?
DON'T BE IMPATIENT, LOVE. I HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF SOME FINAL DETAILS
IF I CAN PULL THIS TOGETHER, I'LL GET RID OF OPIUM WITHOUT GETTING MY HANDS DIRTY
SOMETIMES THINGS ARE SO SIMPLE
?
WE OFTEN HAVE THE SOLUTION TO OUR PROBLEMS RIGHT IN FRONT OF US BUT ARE NOT ABLE TO SEE IT
??
5

THIS IS WHAT CAME TO SEE ME I SEE IT ALL VERY CLEARLY THE MEANS BY WHICH WE CAN GET RID OF OPIUM FOR-EVER IS VERY FAMILIAR TO ME, WHERE I ACTUALLY DOMI-NATE WHERE LAW DOWN THE LAW
???
TELEVISION !
TV
SINISTER PIE! ARE YOU FEELING ALL RIGHT ?
MEANWHILE IN THE LAIR OF THE SINISTER OPIUM, PRINCE OF EVIL, STRANGE EVENTS ARE TAKING PLACE IN THE MIDST OF FEVERISH ACTIVITY
SIR, WE HAVE NO MATERIALS LEFT
WE'LL HAVE TO GET MORE
WELL GULP WE HAVE TO GO BACK TO OUR USUAL SUPPLIERS
6

IF OPIUM'S HENCHMEN ARE INVOLVED IN UNKNOWN PROJECTS, SO ARE RUBEN PLATA'S COLLEAGUES AT TVR, THE MUNDOPOLIS TELEVISION STATION
FOLLOW YOUR INSTRUCTIONS DOWN TO THE LAST DETAIL AND NOT A WORD TO ANYBODY! BE DISCREET! THIS IS A SECRET!
TVR
NO IFS ANDS OR BUTS I NEED THE EDITORS HELP FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS!
OFFICE DE PRODUCTION
BUT MR PLATA IT CAN'T BE DONE BY TOMORROW
CUT THAT CLOSE UP AND FADE IN WITH SEQUENCE NUMBER THREE
TVR
QUICKLY!
YES, MR PLATA
MAKE SURE THIS GETS INTO THE PROGRAM
OF COURSE, MR PLATA.
OPIUM HOPE YOU ARE SHAKING IN YOUR BOOTS YOUR RAIDING IS OVER

THAT NIGHT
AGHH!
CRASH!
?
CLICK!
!!!

BACK IN OPIUM'S LAIR
IT MUST BE HIS DOING ! HAVE NO DOUBT HOW CHARMING
IT IS OBVIOUS THAT HE CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT ME !
IT GIVES US MORE INCENTIVE TO FINISH
IT WOULD BE INTERESTING TO KNOW THE DETAILS OF THIS NEW OPERATION OF HIS
I KNOW SOMEONE WHO, WITH ONLY A LITTLE PRODDING WILL TELL ALL SHE KNOWS
BACK IN BLANCHE'S DELIGHTFUL HOME
I REALLY HAVE NO FEAR OF YOU
AND ONE AND TWO. I DON'T THINK I'LL BE TOO EASY TO SUBDUE AND ONE AND TWO.
9

BREATHE IN AND OUT ONE AND TWO COME ON WE HAVE TO GET INTO SHAPE
AND ONE.. AND OOOPS!
I AM NO LONGER A VULNERABLE LADY
I DON'T DOUBT YOU. YOU LOOK A LOT HEALTHIER
?
NOW I WANT TO INTRODUCE YOU TO A DIFFERENT TYPE OF EXERCISE
AFTER HER INSTRUCTION ACAPULCO BRINGS BACK THE NEWS
Hmmm STRANGE AND INGENIOUS. RUBEN PLATA IS WORKING AWAY LET'S LEAVE HIM ALONE
THIS TIME OUR MAN WILL HELP US PUT THE CHERRY ON THE CAKE
10

PLATA'S PLAN IS CHANGING THE LOOK OF THE CITY
CARE, FUL'
GREAT! WE'RE DONE'
ALL RIGHT'
TVK? TVK? SECTION FIVE SPEAKING. THE MULTI-PANEL SCREEN HAS BEEN INSTALLED AND CHECKED
SECTIONS FOUR, NINE, SEVEN AND FIVE ARE CHECKED AND WORKING
ALL THE SCREENS IN SECTION ELEVEN HAVE BEEN INSTALLED
TERRIFIC'
MR PLATA THE INSTALLATION PHASE IS ALMOST COMPLETE
PERFECT' NOW ONLY A FEW DETAILS ARE LEFT BEFORE MY PLAN'S COMPLETE!
HONEY, CALL ACME CREATIVE ADVERTISING AND TELL THEM I'M ON MY WAY'
YES, MR PLATA
GOOD MORNING
ACME
ASOCIACION DE CREATIVOS
MR PLATA IS HERE'
LET HIM IN'

LET'S GET TO WORK GENTLEMEN!
SLAM
HOURS 20 84
NOW YOU KNOW THAT THIS WILL BE THE FASHIONABLE IMAGE, THE LOOK TO FOLLOW ... THE ONE THAT WILL HAVE GREATEST COMMERCIAL SUCCESS
THE BRILLIANT IDEA IS SOON TRANSLATED INTO REALITY. SETTING OFF A DELUGE OF ENVIOUS REQUESTS
I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU SAY, JUST FIND THE TIME ! I WANT YOUR AGENCY TO LAUNCH THE SAME CAMPAIGN FOR MY SHOES !
I DON'T THINK IT'S GOING TO BE DIFFICULT TO FIND A CATCHY PHRASE TO GO WITH MY HERRINGS AND A PICTURE OF THE CHINAMAN. WON'T TAKE NO FOR AN ANSWER
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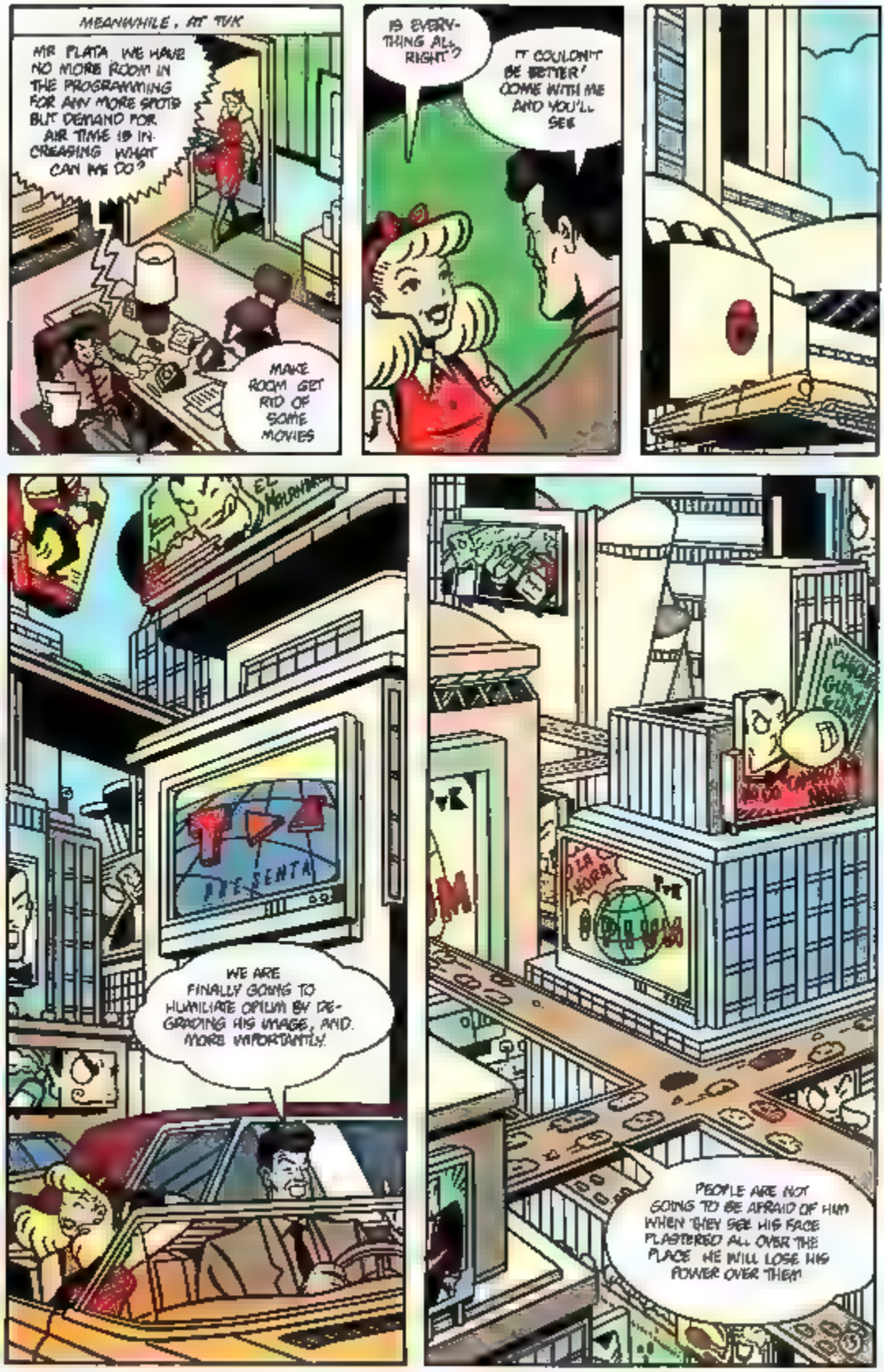
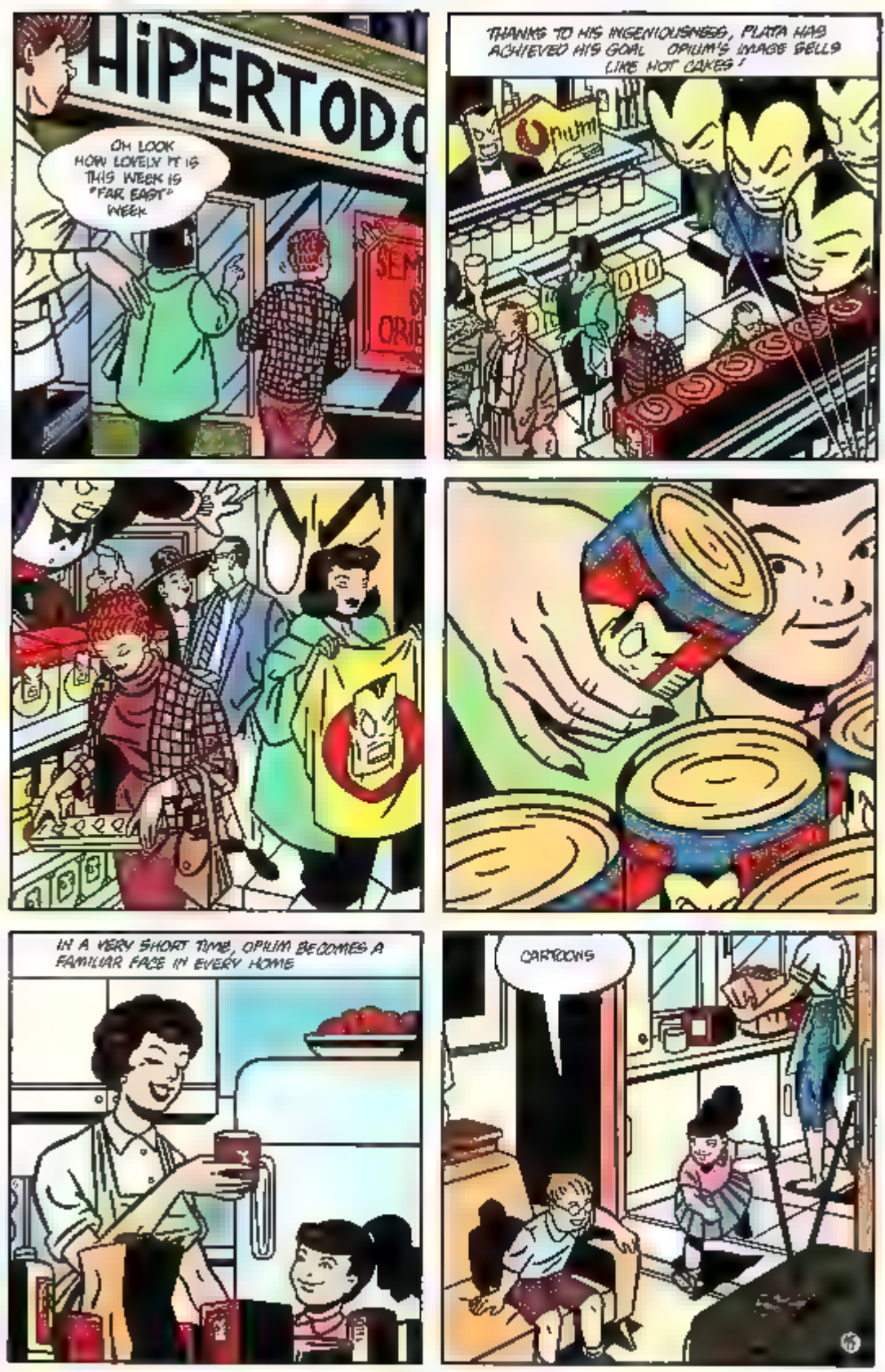
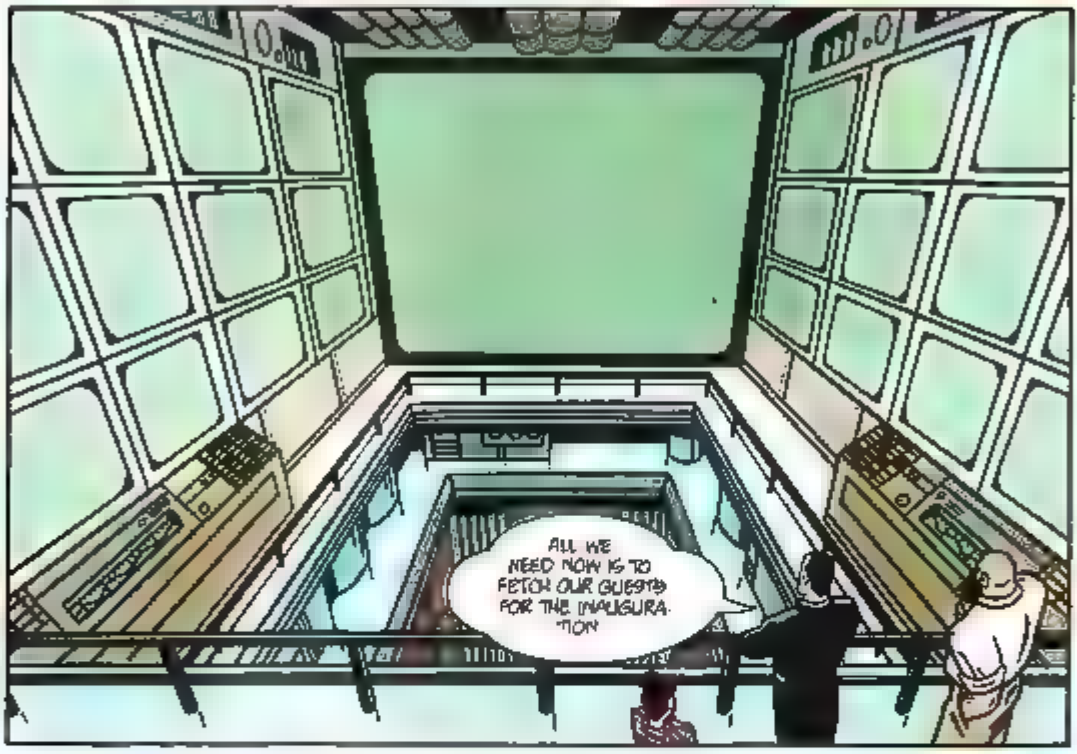

MEANWHILE, AT TVK
MR PLATA WE HAVE NO MORE ROOM IN THE PROGRAMMING FOR ANY MORE SPOTS BUT DEMAND FOR AIR TIME IS INCREASING WHAT CAN WE DO?
MAKE ROOM GET RID OF SOME MOVIES
IS EVERYTHING ALRIGHT?
IT COULDN'T BE BETTER! COME WITH ME AND YOU'LL SEE
EL MALPAIS
PRESENTA
WE ARE FINALLY GOING TO HUMILIATE OPIUM BY DEGRADING HIS IMAGE, AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY,
LA HORA
PEOPLE ARE NOT GOING TO BE AFRAID OF HIM WHEN THEY SEE HIS FACE PLASTERED ALL OVER THE PLACE HE WILL LOSE HIS POWER OVER THEM

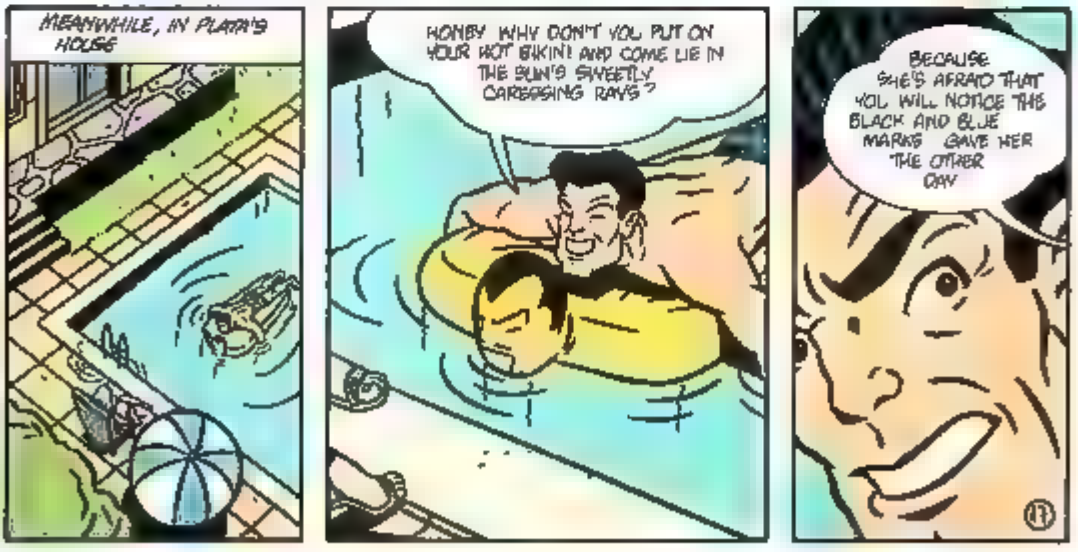
OH DARLING, YOU ARE SO SMART!
I'M GOING TO UNIONMART
WHAT A COINCIDENCE! SO AM I!
OPIUM MAGAZINE PLEASE!

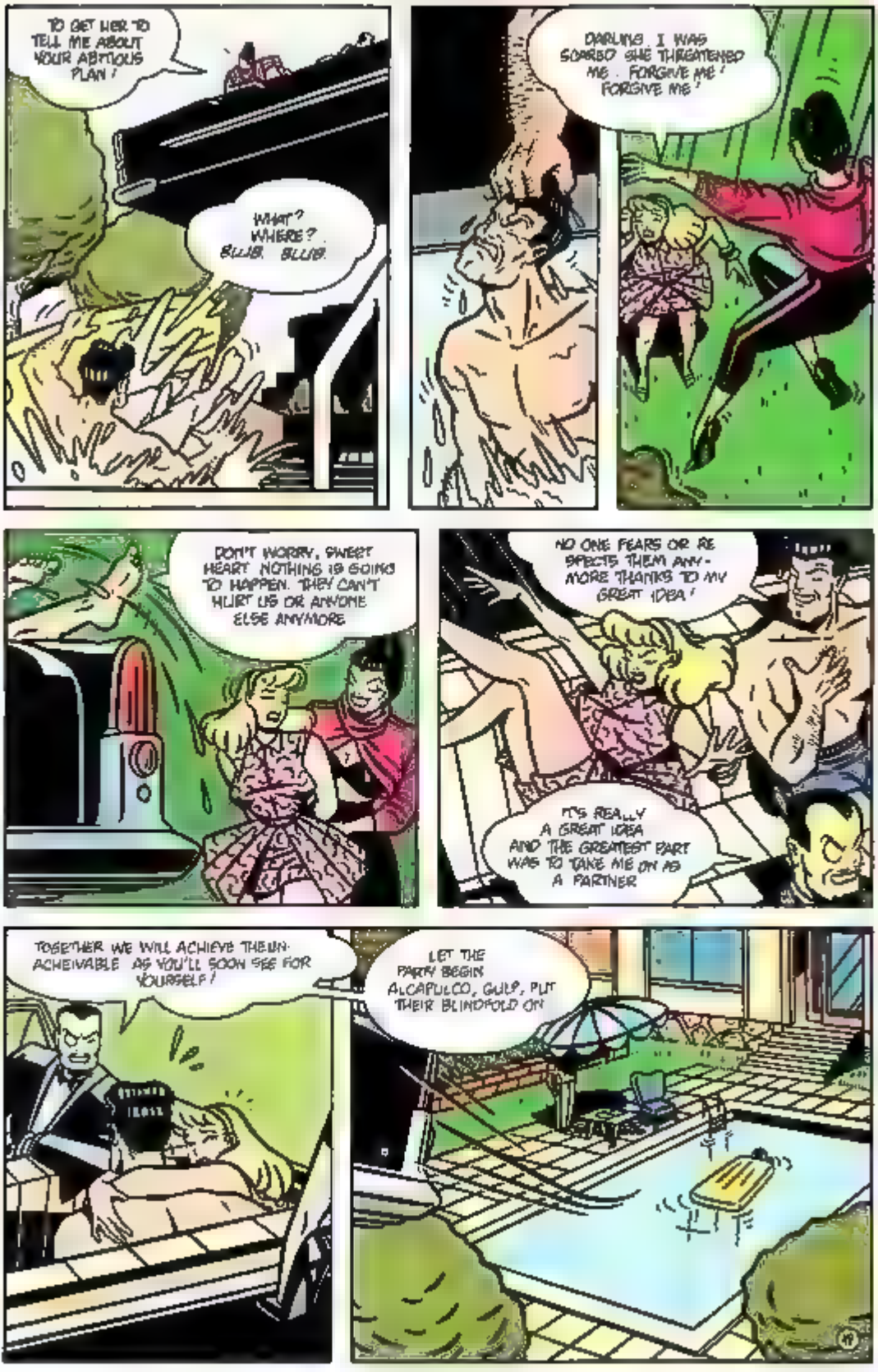
?!
WOK!
BLAM!
BLAM!
SUPER!
KRK


HiPERTODO
OH LOOK HOW LOVELY IT IS THIS WEEK IS "FAR EAST" WEEK
THANKS TO HIS INGENIOUSNESS, PLATA HAS ACHIEVED HIS GOAL OPIUM'S IMAGE SELLS LIKE HOT CAKES!
Opium
IN A VERY SHORT TIME, OPIUM BECOMES A FAMILIAR FACE IN EVERY HOME
CARTOONS

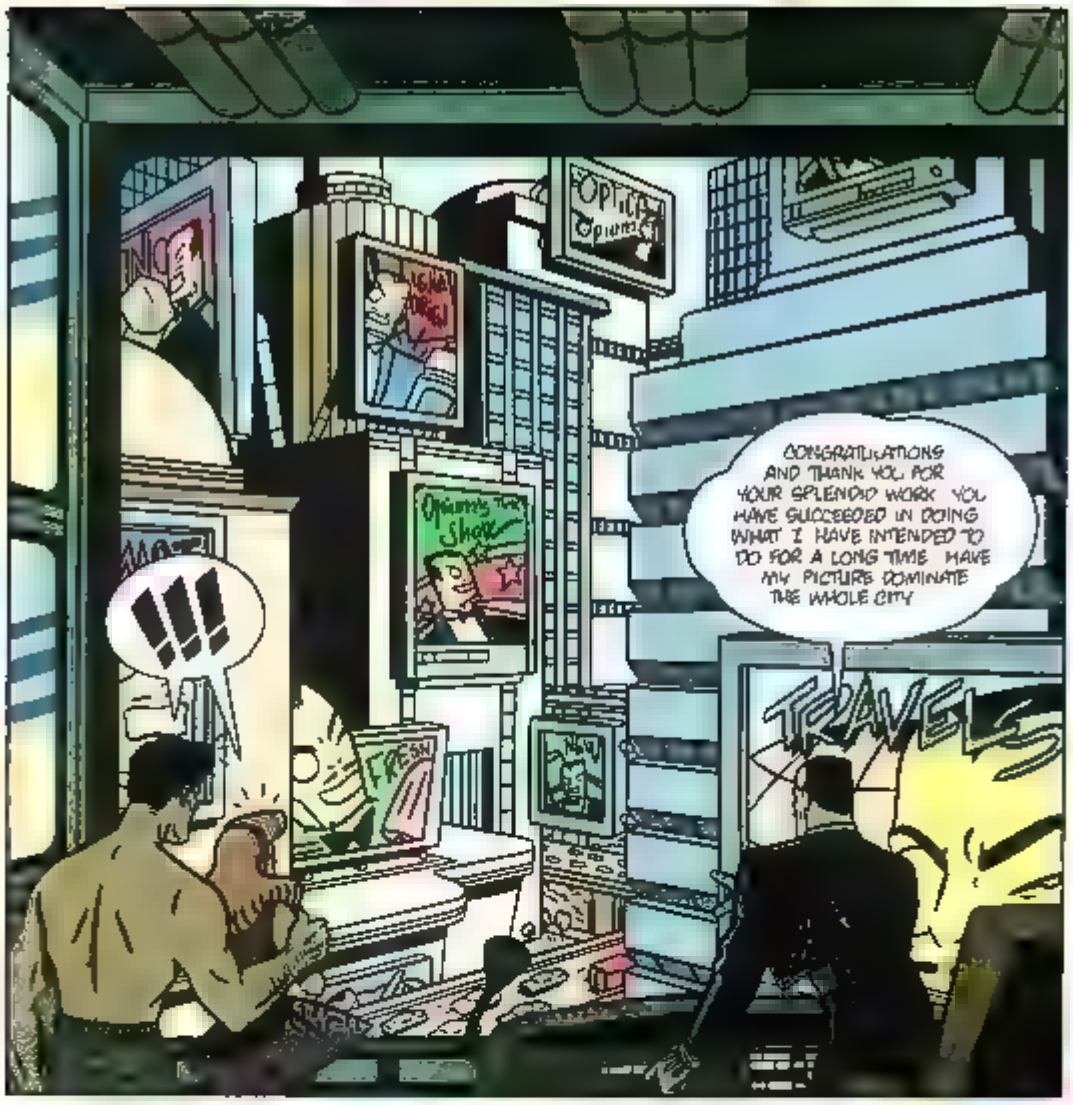
THAT SAME AFTER-NOON, IN OPIUM'S LAIR
VERY WELL, WE HAVE FINISHED EVERYTHING IS PERFECT


ALL WE NEED NOW IS TO FETCH OUR GUESTS FOR THE INAUGURA-TION


MEANWHILE, IN PLATH'S HOUSE
HONEY WHY DON'T YOU PUT ON YOUR HOT BIKINI AND COME LIE IN THE SUN'S SWEETLY CARESSING RAYS?
BECAUSE SHE'S AFRAID THAT YOU WILL NOTICE THE BLACK AND BLUE MARKS GAVE HER THE OTHER DAY


TO GET HER TO TELL ME ABOUT YOUR ABITIOUS PLAN!
WHAT? WHERE? BLUB. BLUB.
DARLING, I WAS SCARED SHE THREATENED ME. FORGIVE ME! FORGIVE ME!
DON'T WORRY, SWEET HEART. NOTHING IS GOING TO HAPPEN. THEY CAN'T HURT US OR ANYONE ELSE ANYMORE
NO ONE FEARS OR RESPECTS THEM ANYMORE THANKS TO MY GREAT IDEA!
IT'S REALLY A GREAT IDEA AND THE GREATEST PART WAS TO TAKE ME ON AS A PARTNER
TOGETHER WE WILL ACHIEVE THE UNACHEIVABLE AS YOU'LL SOON SEE FOR YOURSELF!
LET THE PARTY BEGIN ACAPULCO, GULP, PUT THEIR BLINDFOLD ON

A FEW MINUTES LATER THE GUESTS REACH THEIR HOSTS HEADQUARTERS
CAREFUL WITH THEM! I DON'T WANT THEM TO FALL
AND NOW, PARTNER, I HAVE A SURPRISE FOR YOU
KAAS
VERY WELL TAKE THEIR BLINDFOLD OFF AND LET THEM ADMIRE THE OTHER HALF OF THE SHOW, OUR MODEST CONTRIBUTION TO THEIR SPLENDID IDEA
HERE WE GO GUYS PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE WAY WE'VE MERGED OUR TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENTS WITH YOUR WORK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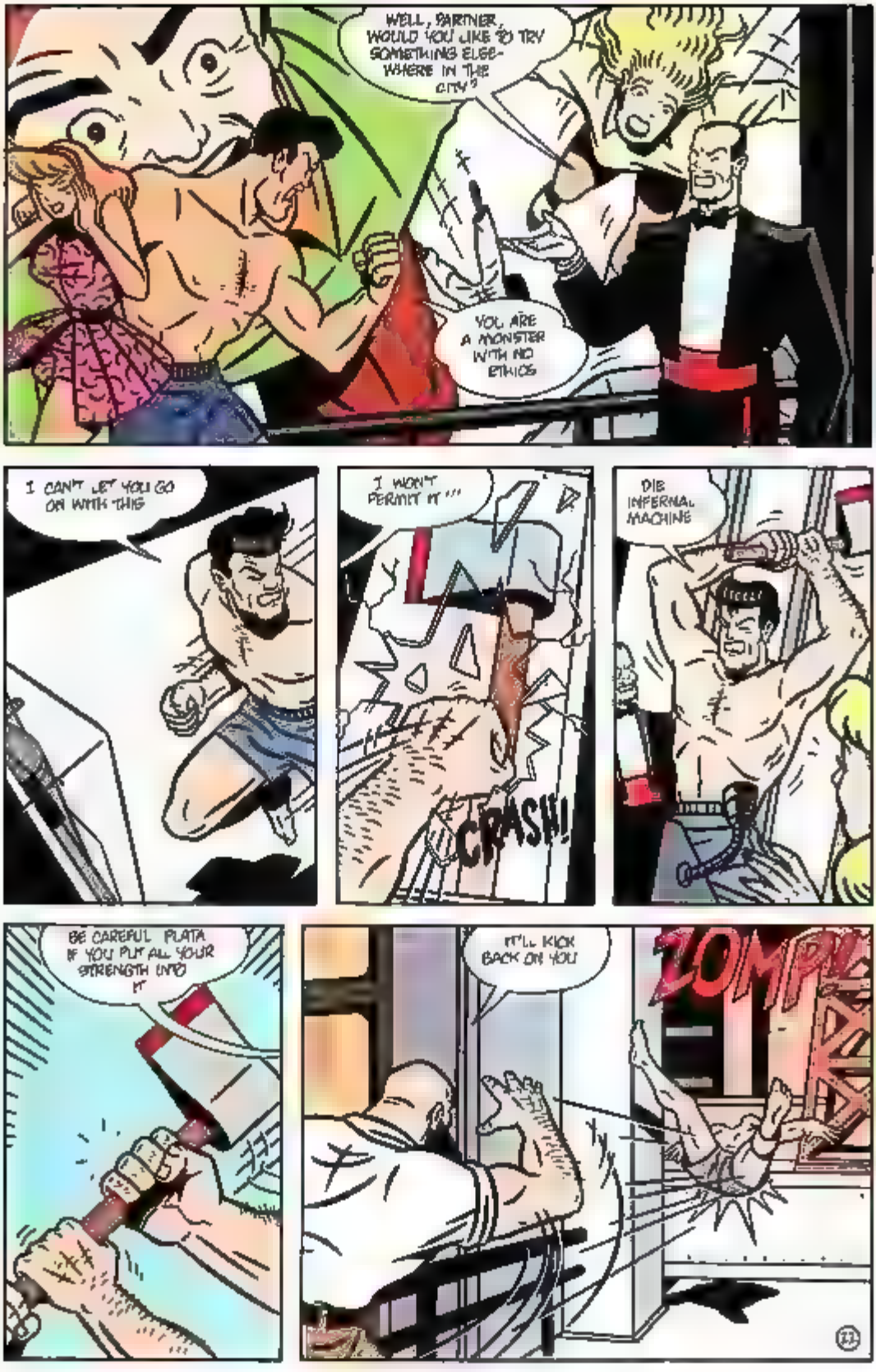
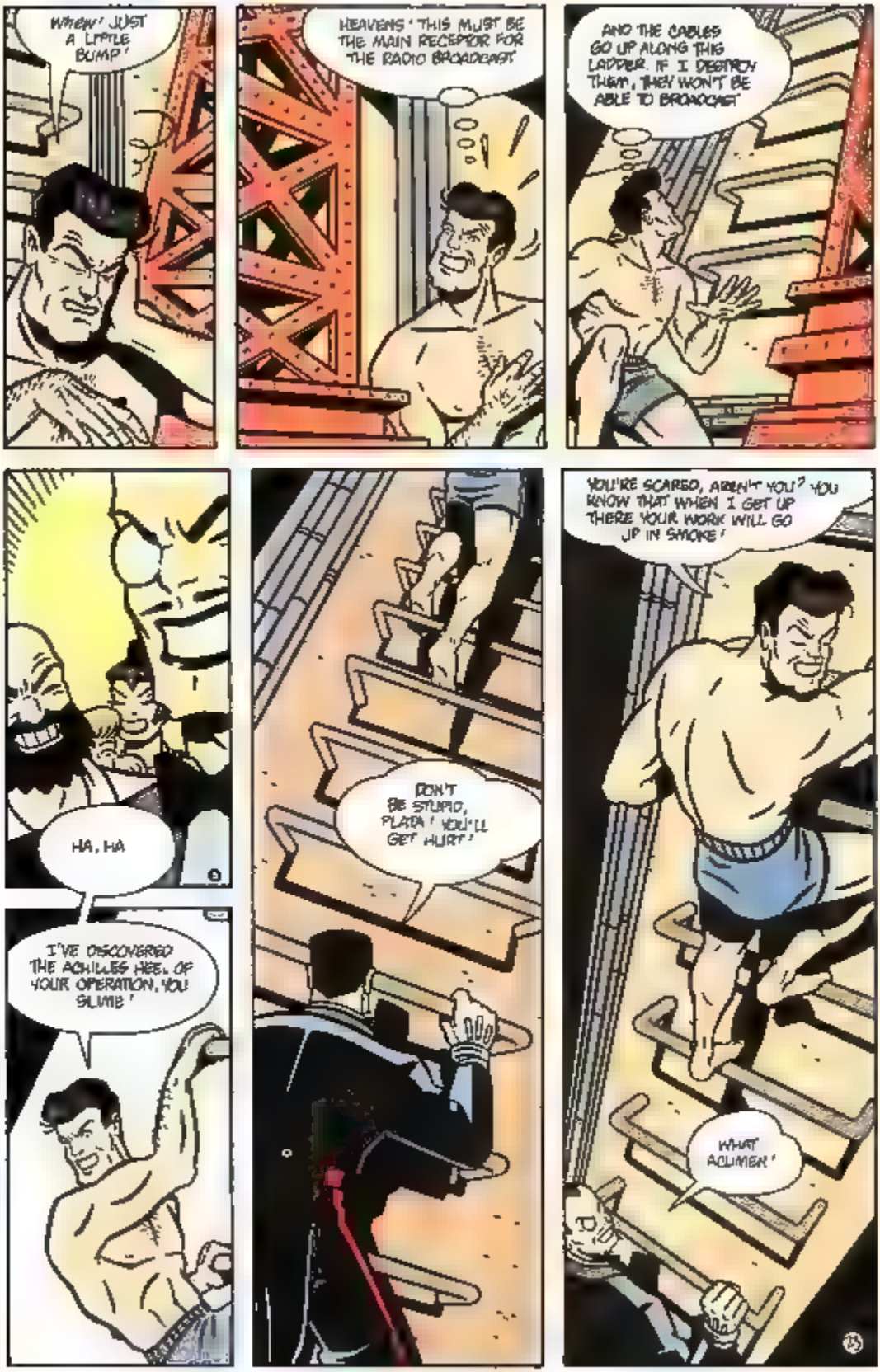
CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SPLENDID WORK YOU HAVE SUCCEEDED IN DOING WHAT I HAVE INTENDED TO DO FOR A LONG TIME HAVE MY PICTURES DOMINATE THE WHOLE CITY

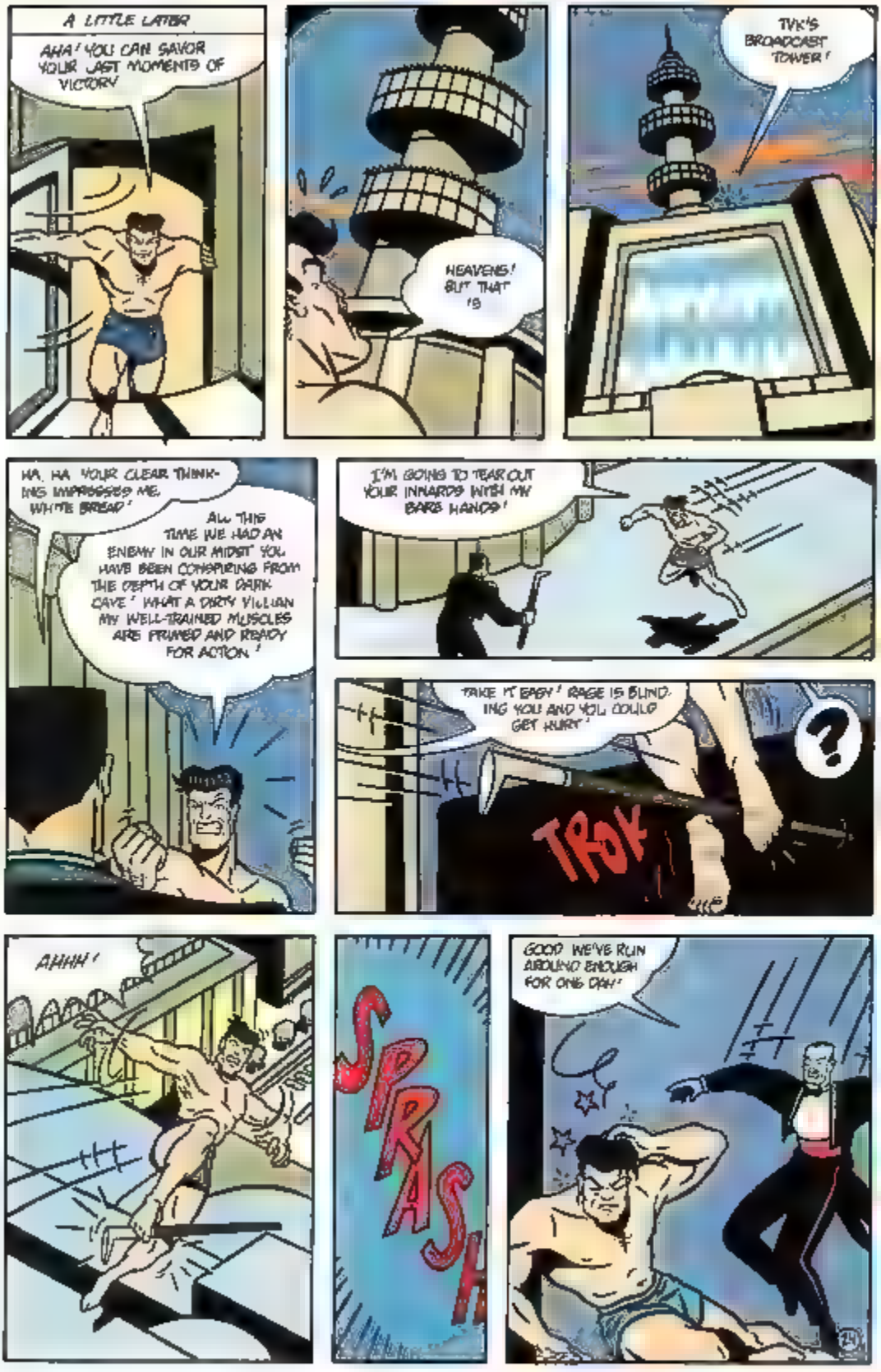
WELL SO WHAT? THE RESULT IS THAT YOU'RE NOW JUST LIKE ANY OLD THING

YOU ARE WRONG YOU TELEVISION WHIZ KID EVERYBODY IS NOW USED TO HAVING ME AROUND AND THIS IS WHERE MY PART OF THE PLAN KICKS IN

HAVE YOU HEARD OF COLLECTIVE HYPNOSIS?
WHAT ?
I SEE YOU'RE NOT IMPRESSED LET ME DEMONSTRATE
BZZ!
MISERABLE AND HAPPY CITIZENS !
MY PRESENCE MAKES YOU SO HAPPY THAT EVERY TIME YOU SEE ME
YOU ARE FILLED WITH AN IRRESISTABLE URGE TO FLY!
FLY NOW!
THE HORROR
OH NO!


WELL, PARTNER, WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY SOMETHING ELSEWHERE IN THE CITY?
YOU ARE A MONSTER WITH NO ETHICS
I CAN'T LET YOU GO ON WITH THIS
I WON'T PERMIT IT...
CRASH!
DIE INFERNAL MACHINE
BE CAREFUL PLATA IF YOU PUT ALL YOUR STRENGTH INTO IT
IT'LL KICK BACK ON YOU
ZOMP!


WHEW! JUST A LITTLE BUMP!
HEAVENS! THIS MUST BE THE MAIN RECEPTOR FOR THE RADIO BROADCAST
AND THE CABLES GO UP ALONG THIS LADDER. IF I DESTROY THEM, THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO BROADCAST
HA, HA
I'VE DISCOVERED THE ACHILLES HEEL OF YOUR OPERATION, YOU SLIME!
DON'T BE STUPID, PLATA! YOU'LL GET HURT!
YOU'RE SCARED, AREN'T YOU? YOU KNOW THAT WHEN I GET UP THERE YOUR WORK WILL GO UP IN SMOKE!
WHAT ACUMEN!


A LITTLE LATER
AHA! YOU CAN SAVOR YOUR LAST MOMENTS OF VICTORY
HEAVENS! BUT THAT IS
TVK'S BROADCAST TOWER!
HA, HA. YOUR CLEAR THINKING IMPRESSES ME, WHITE BREAD!
ALL THIS TIME WE HAD AN ENEMY IN OUR MIDST! YOU HAVE BEEN CONSPIRING FROM THE DEPTH OF YOUR DARK CAVE! WHAT A DIRTY VILLIAN MY WELL-TRAINED MUSCLES ARE PRIMED AND READY FOR ACTION!
I'M GOING TO TEAR OUT YOUR INNARDS WITH MY BARE HANDS!
TAKE IT EASY! RAGE IS BLINDING YOU AND YOU COULD GET HURT!
?
TROK
AHHH!
SPRASH
GOOD! WE'VE RUN AROUND ENOUGH FOR ONE DAY!

THIS IS THE LAST DISCUSSION WE WILL HAVE
GRRR!
YOU'RE ALMOST FUNNY BUT YOUR STUPIDITY IS GETTING TO ME
WOK!
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOUR HASTY WORDS AND YOUR DESPERATE ATTEMPTS TO DESTROY ME
KRAK!

IT'S NOW TIME THAT YOU BECAME FULLY INTEGRATED WITH THE MEDIUM YOU LOVE SO MUCH
ZOMP!
CRASH!
CRASH!
SRKS!
CRCS!
HAVE A SAFE TRIP, PLATA. I HAD FUN WHILE IT LASTED
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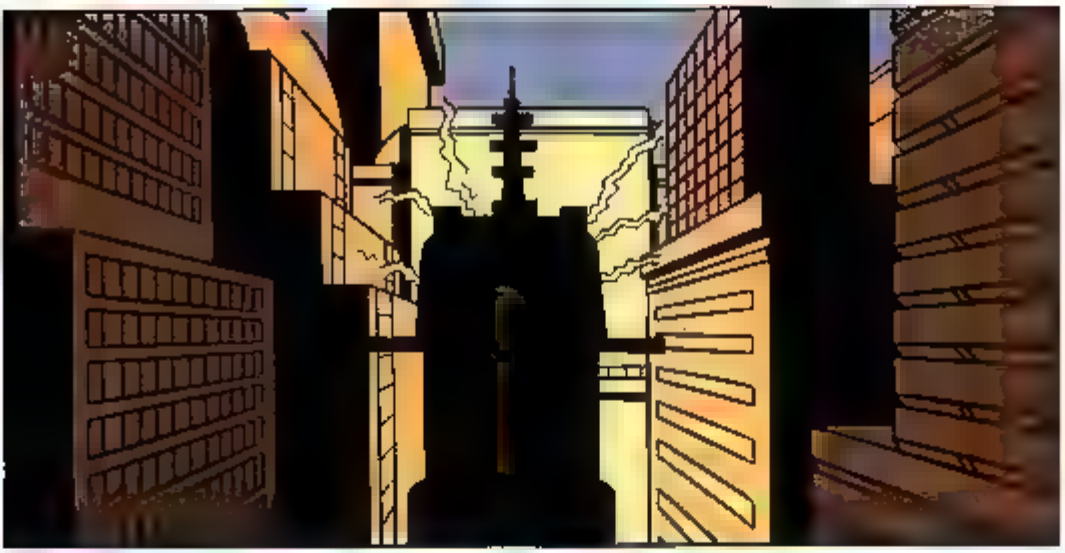
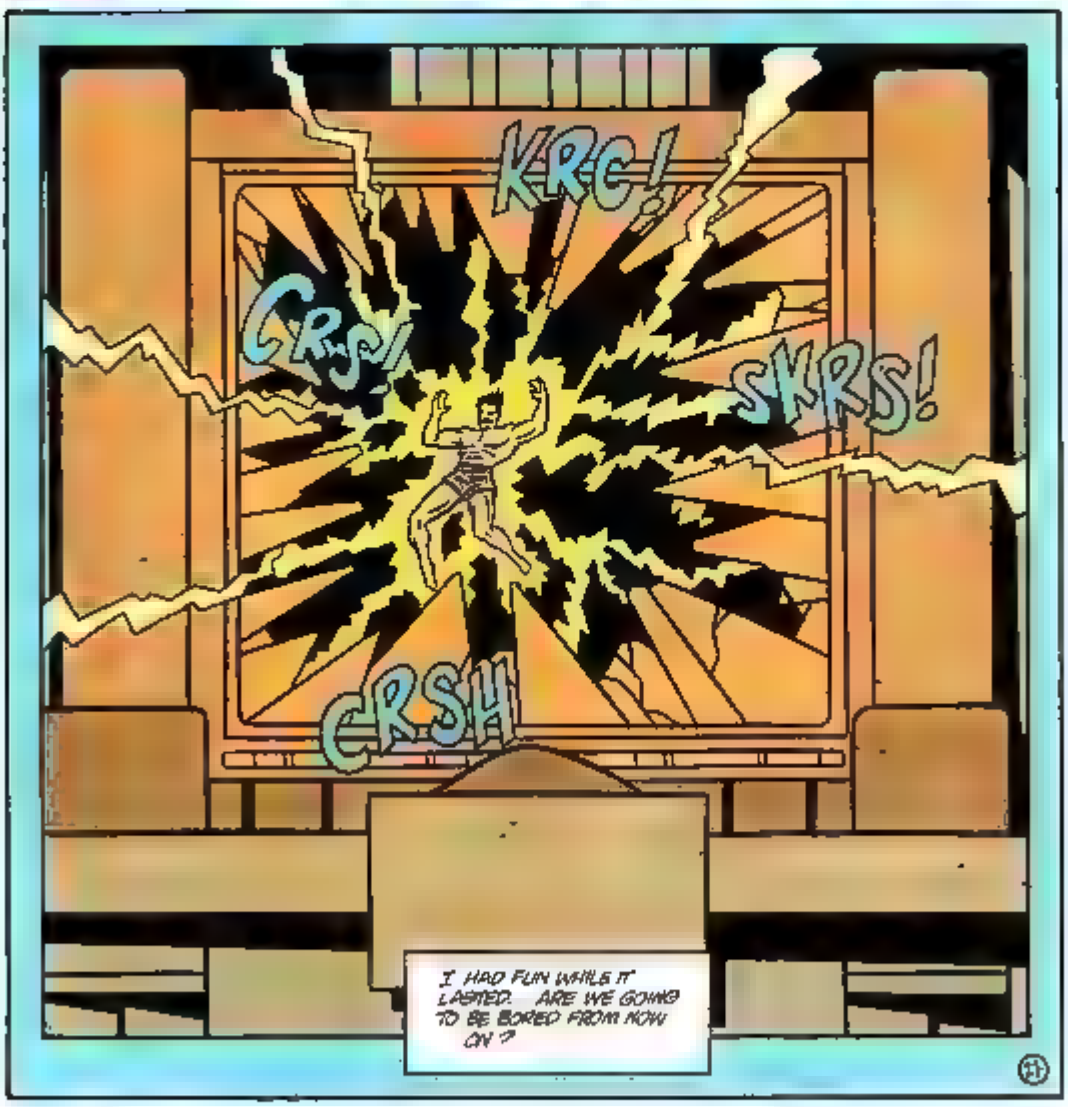
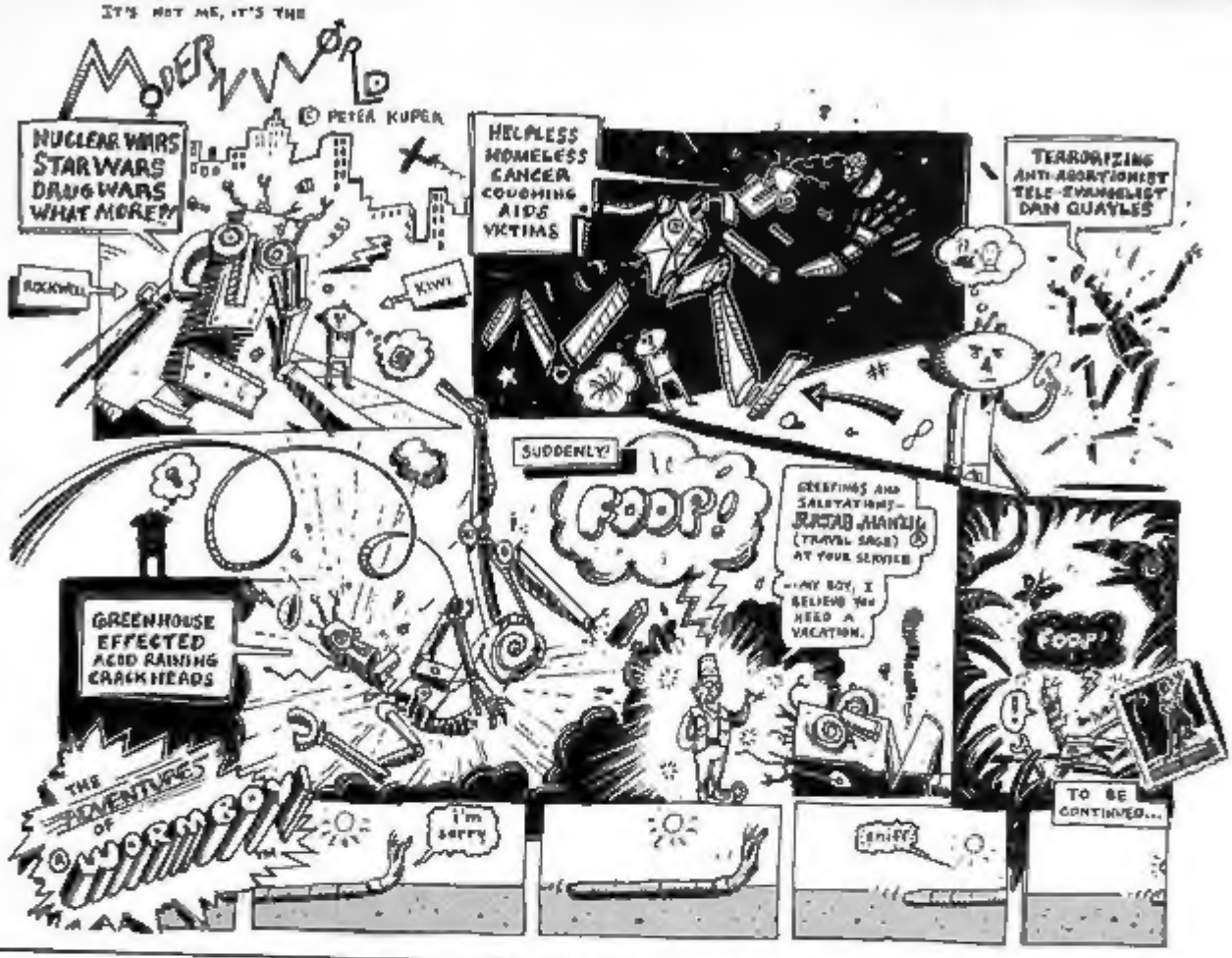



KRC!
CRJS!
SKRS!
CRSH
I HAD FUN WHILE IT LASTED. ARE WE GOING TO BE BORED FROM NOW ON ?

MISERABLE AND HAPPY CITIZENS.. WHAT DO YOU WISH TO DO TODAY?
END



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